To: Students of Fairmont

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From: FIREBIRD

Re: Every Excuse in the Book

- ☑ "I left my calendar at home so I forgot that I had to make up that Calculus quiz today."
- ☑ "I never heard an announcement saying that we had to buy the Firebird before winter break."
- ☑ "I was running late this morning and I forgot to pick up my readmit from my counselor."
- ☑ "The reason I am so late to school is because my car just would not start and my mom had already left for work."
- ☑ "Is it o.k. if I call my mom to go home because I have this terrible stomach ache from breakfast."

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Every Excuse in the Book

HERE'S A NEW LOOK! Showing their dimensions, Fairmont High School takes pride in its variety of options for a complete education. *Barlow Photo*

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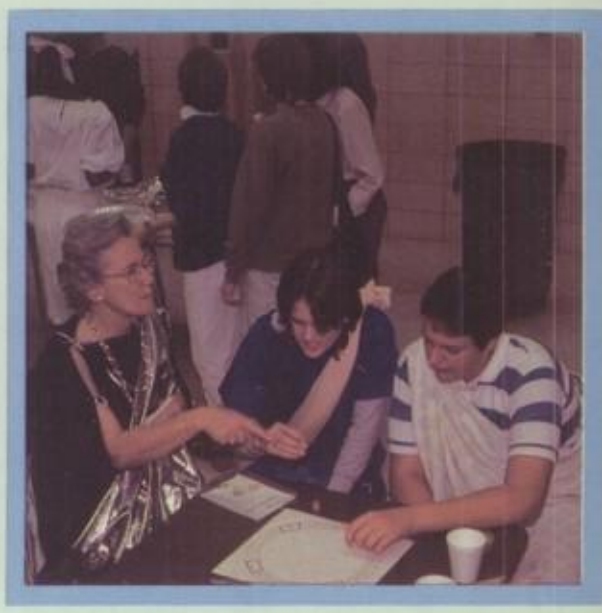
Your Excuse?

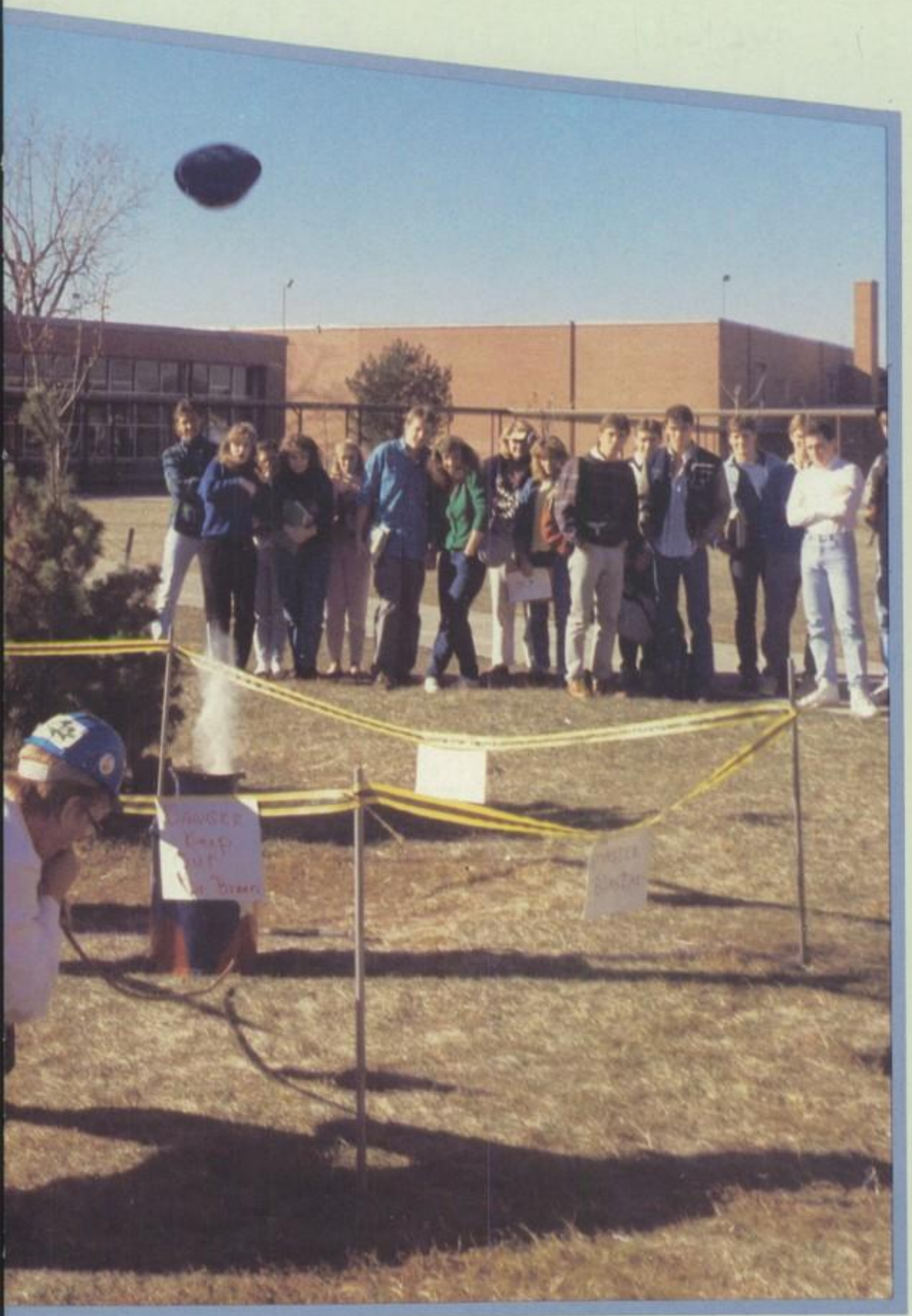
Dashing through the doorway of room 316, he looked at the clock just in time to see that he had arrived 15 seconds too late. He had ruined his chances for extra credit points. "But I promise, the clock's wrong. I'll go tell a secretary in the main office." What an excuse!

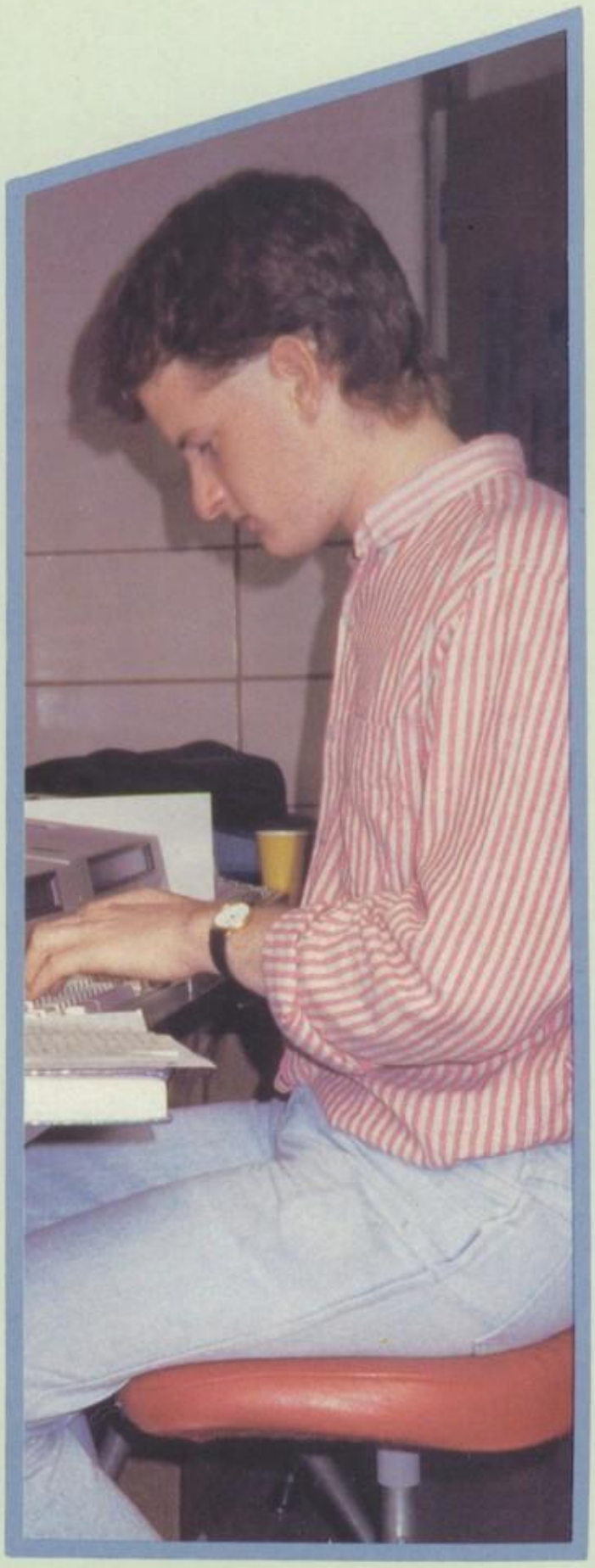
But for some teachers like chemistry instructor Ed Perry no excuse worked, nor did arriving late to take the SAT. Due to a larger number of participants, clubs such as Hockey Honeys, auxiliaries, and sports penalized their members for lateness. Other groups benefitted from past transgressions and made changes to improve. The music department opened its musical tryouts for **My Fair Lady** to all students, not just choir members. The **Flyer** adopted a sleek magazine approach to newswriting. Still, a long line in the counselor's office before school resulted in a pink tardy slip, but not an excuse in the administration's books. They already knew EVERY EXCUSE IN THE BOOK.

FINISHING TOUCHES! Waiting for "Angel Street" to debut onstage, Kevin Batson applies make-up. Batson played a police officer. *Logan Photo*



YOUR TURN! Dorothy Gibbs, Katie Morgan, and Jason Stacy play Jay Murdock's game "Cursus Honorum" at the International Dinner. *Murdock Photo*

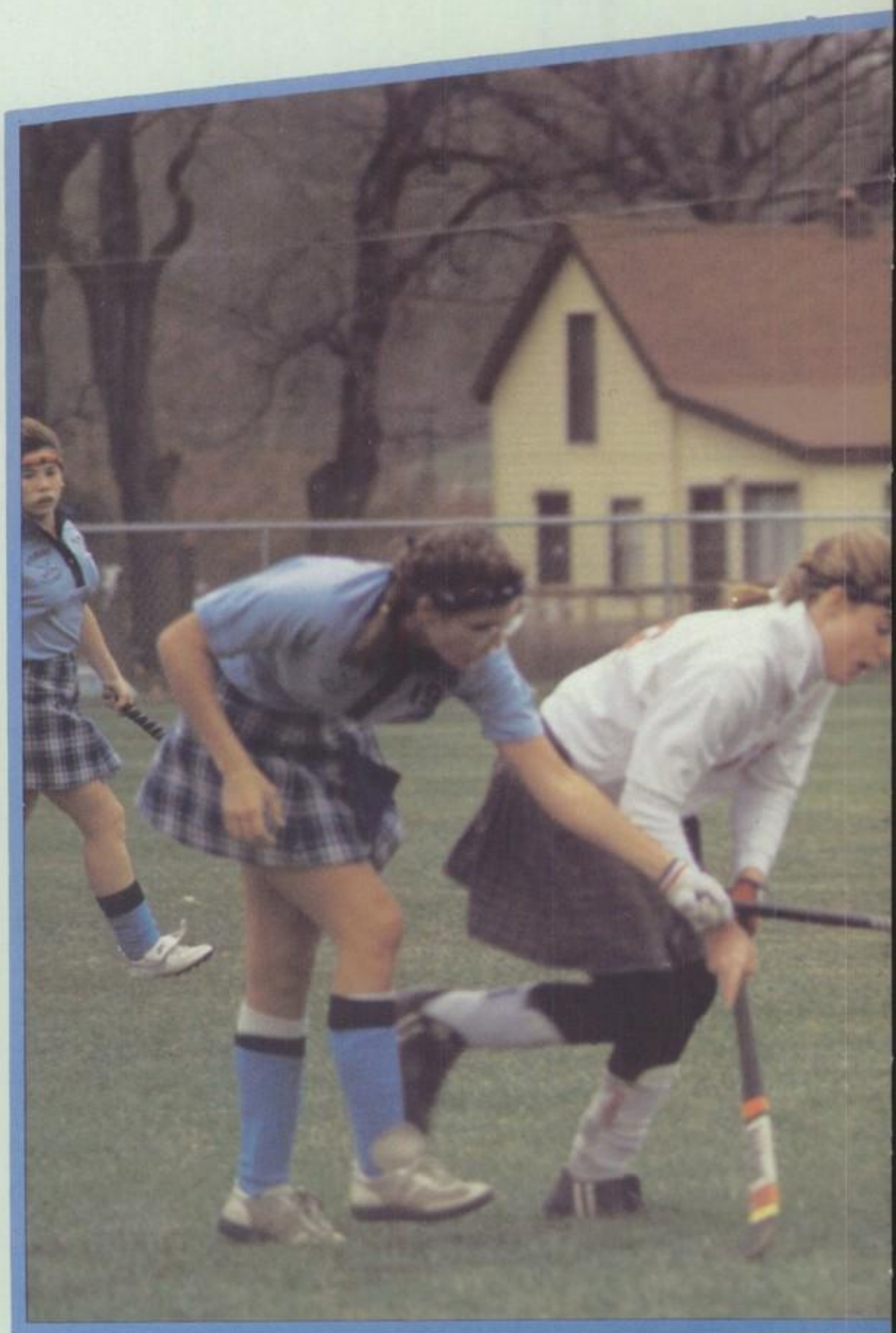




ONE MORE LINE! Using a new typewriter, Allen Wolf proofs an article for the **Flyer** . The new equipment replaced that stolen over the summer. *Youngkin Photo*

DUST DID THAT? Science students watch closely as Dean Deerhakes shows how flour and a flame react inside a milk can during Science Day. *Murdock Photo*

H-O-C-K-E-Y! Mindy Damstra tries out cheers with Julie Patterson. Hockey Honeys took turns cheering and doing statistics for the games. *Youngkin Photo*



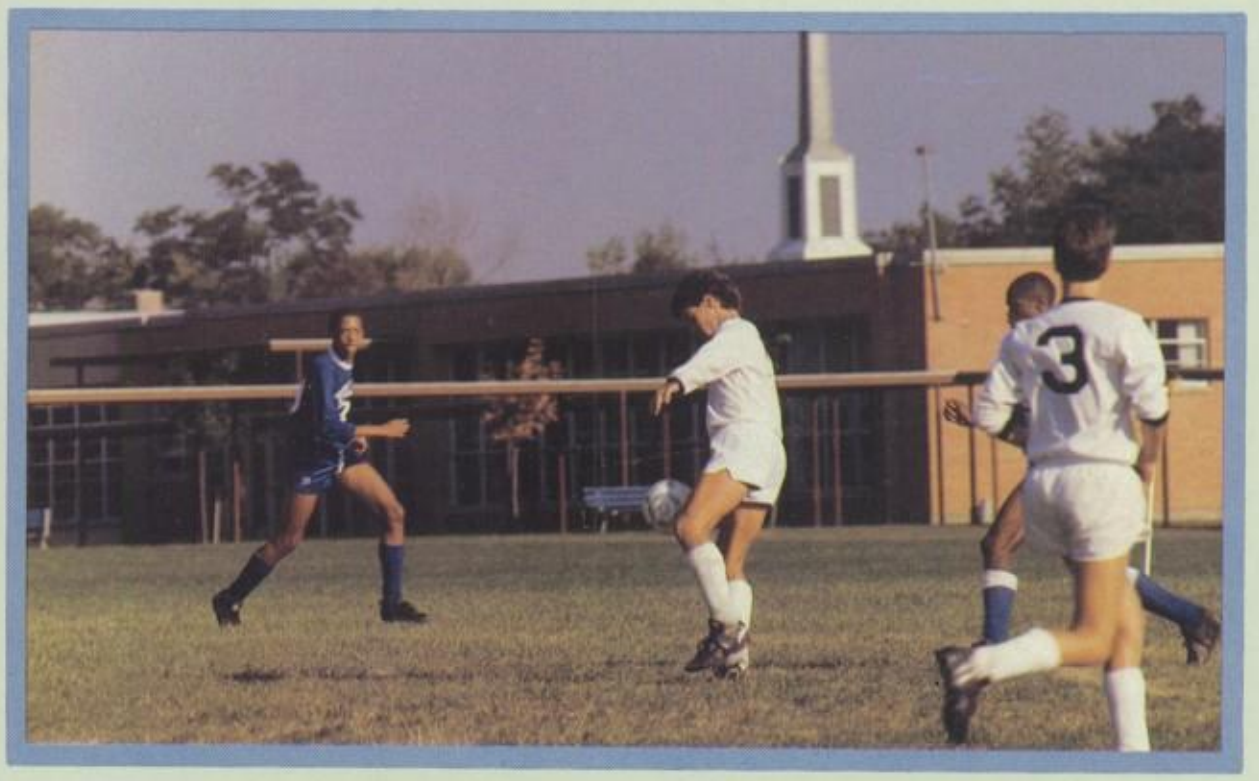
ATTENTION! Taking her positon along the sideline, field commandor Debra Wagner directs the Fairmont Marching Band during their half-time performance. *Logan Photo*

NEVER GIVE UP! Fighting back with all her might, senior Nickie Sonyeattacks her oppenent from behind during the semi-finals. Katie Coleman runs back to support her teammate. *Murdock Photo*

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT! Bringing the excited fans together, varsity cheerleaders Lori Knoop and Michelle Thornburg display their spirit before their opening game. *Olix Photo*

doesn't appear in this book

Firebirds experienced changes during the season which caused people to search for any and EVERY EXCUSE IN THE BOOK to explain them. For the marching Band unity between the Revelles and the Flames into one group gave the band a unique look for their half-time performance. As new coaches arrived for some of the teams, Fairmont still stayed on top. Girls' varsity field hockey team made another trip to the state finals to end up tied for third place. Boys' and girls' cross country made an impressive showing at the district finals to bring home first and second place. Along with the district titles, the boys' team placed first in the WOL while the girls captured third. All the students involved in the activities throughout the year had Every Excuse to show their pride in the school's accomplishments.



STAY INSIDE THE LINES! Giving him a helping hand, junior Sean Cotter gives advice to Matt Davis while putting the finishing touches on the lobby decorations. *Olix Photo*

WATCH OUT! Showing his skills during the Xenia game, sophomore Scott Mereness manuevers the ball around his oppenents. Mereness ended the game with two goals. *Olix Photo*

DELIGHT! Robin Beaulieu's smile widens at Homecoming halftime. The court included Darrin Bushong and Rob Polvino. *Logan Photo*

No Excuses Necessary

Actors highlighted their scripts in preparation to learn their lines for "Angel Street." Other students tried tactfully to turn down dates for Homecoming, but excuses left their dates speechless.

Homerooms battled it out in the Spirit Chain and USB Food Drive collections, using rewards such as doughnut parties to win the competition. Few excuses showed here, but plenty of food and money to benefit the Candlelighters.

Promoting school spirit, Fairmont featured various club leaders on complimentary bookmarks. Distributed throughout the area, these faces boasted the "Pride Through Leadership."

Time came to march down the aisles at Graduation, and students did not need tales or stories. They had used EVERY EXCUSE IN THE BOOK.

- **"I meant to come see the play, but I had so much to do."**
- **"Florida counts as a family vacation. My sister's going too."**
- **"Me? Out to lunch? I left my lights on this morning."**
- **"I knew I would get six ties for graduation gifts."**
- **"They said my Prom dress was original!"**

WOULD YOU BELIEVE A 1,000 CANS? During the Thanksgiving food drive Kelli Brown and Laura Brandenburg deliver homeroom 109's contribution. *Logan Photo*

PRIDE! Homecoming King and Queen Mike Brown and Alicia Kingrey, receive their crowns during the football game against Springfield North. *Logan Photo*

FLASHBACK! Dressing for '50's day, Shelly Leo, Susan Anderson and Shelly Werner look great in their vintage attire. *Logan Photo*

Events during Homecoming week proved exciting and full of spirit. "I think they were great," said senior Rob Polvino. Most attending shared his opinion.

College day occurred on Tuesday with most students wearing college sweatshirts to school. This day gave the students a chance to show their favorite college. A spirited Rob Hutsell, emblazoned in Alabama crimson shouted, "ROLL, TIDE!" while running in the hallways before second period.

Students wore hats on Wednesday and donned fifties attire on Thursday. Each day, students participated in contests to judge the best-dressed. The winner received tickets to attend the Homecoming dance. Winners of best-hat Terra Kripe and best-Fifties-outfit Jeff McManus both showed spirit and originality in their entries.

On Friday excitement peaked with silver, blue, and white day. Most students wore at least something with one of the school colors while others exhibited only silver, blue and white.

SMILE! Posing for pictures , Dan Jacobs and Sandy Savage show their smiles to the Logan Studio photographer. *Logan Photo*

Dance sets pace

Homecoming hop highlights week of spirit, active pride

As Homecoming week came to a close, excitement and anticipation built up for the upcoming dance. Great efforts and preparation made the event unforgetable. The theme for this year's dance, "Stand By Me", "couldn't have been better," commented senior Joe Carson. The head of the decoration committee, Shelly Werner, said "We tried to make this Homecoming dance the best in years. Since it was our last homecoming we worked extra hard on decorations. Doug Ray did a super job on the silhouttes." Along with the silhouettes, records and malt shops decorated the gym. "The malt shops really made the atmosphere. They made everything so real," commented attendee John Kleinfeldt. "I had a blast!" he added.

Homecoming court recognition occurred about mid-way through the evening. The court consisted of Anne Marie Ackerman, Robin Beaulieu, Kelly Capehart, Amy Coleman, Krista LaPrise, Ann Marshall, Darrin Bushong, Brian Coffee, Rob Polvino, Craig Richey, Steve Ruetschle and Stephen Shannon. The students voted Mike Brown and Alicia Kingrey King and Queen for this year's dance. When asked how they felt after the crowning at the football game, Brown said, "I was so shocked and excited. I couldn't believe it." Kingrey added, "I never thought in a trillion years that I would be queen. I was so surprised."

After the recognition of the Homecoming court, the music rocked with tunes from Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Animal House. Senior Steve Ruetschle commented, "I had the greatest time. The music was great. The meal was great. The dancing was great. I didn't want it to ever end." Senior Rob Hutsell said, "This dance was the best dance I've been to. I loved the old tunes and malt shops. I'd love to have that much fun every dance."

Stephen Shannon

LOOK! As they search for their souvenier, Scott Harris and Tina Cukovecki look for the album with their names on it. Each couple who attended received one. *Logan Photo*

SHAKE! Great music rocks with features of 1950's greats like Fats Domino and Animal House. WKET-FM supplied the music for the event. *Logan Photo*

Play pays off

Audience has mixed emotions about fall play, Angel Street

"Authority wonderful, who says?" thought the director, Megan Mateer, looking about trying to make a decision. After three days of auditions, and 42 candidates she had to have a cast. The cast received their scripts on September 29, the last day of try-outs. Rehearsals began October 5. Six weeks of two to four hour rehearsals made possible the presentation of the 1987 fall play "Angel Street." This Victorian thriller, sponsored by the junior class, ran on November 12,13,and 14.

"Angel Street" told the story of the handsome Mr. Winningham attempting to torture his wife into insanity. Simultaneously, the benign police inspector Sergeant Rough, tried to solve a hideous murder involving missing rubies which occurred 15 years earlier. The result thrilled the audience with an exciting melodramatic murder mystery. "The happy ending subtly brought across the message that crime does not pay," stated Ms. Mateer.

Ms. Mateer directed the play with the help of Laurie Siske. Technical assistants included Tammy Grubb, Brian Phillips,and Molly Smith. Characters in the play consisted of Mrs. Manningham (Becky Hiller), Mr. Manningham (Doug Ray), Nancy (Kirsten Van Sickle), Elizabeth (Christine Schenk), Sergeant Rough (Tom Kinney), and police officers (Kevin Batson) and (Garrett Hunt). Ms. Mateer stated that the cast became one big family and helped each other enormously. She also commented on what great support the play received from the Dayton Theatre Guild. The guild supplied all props and costumes for the production representing the Victorian era.

When asked about the final performances, Kirsten Van Sickle replied, "It was bumpy in places, but over all I feel it turned out very well." Kirsten also commented, "Tom and Becky performed remarkably well especially considering that they were in a serious car accident on the way to the play Thursday evening. Neither were injured, but both badly shaken." "Taken into account also," commented Ms. Mateer, "was the fact that the two lead roles were acted by first time actors." The production received a good turnout. Over 500 students and adults attended "Angel Street."

Julie Hapner

DISBELIF! During "Angel Street" Tom Kinne identifies a murderer who happens to be Becky Hiller's husband. *Logan Photo*

JUST SIT STILL! Kirsten VanSickle glues on Doug Ray's beard as Christine Schenk and Kevin Batson gives advice. *Logan Photo*

CONGRATULATIONS! VanSickle smiles appreciatively after receiving flowers from her mom and friend George Hageman. *Logan Photo*

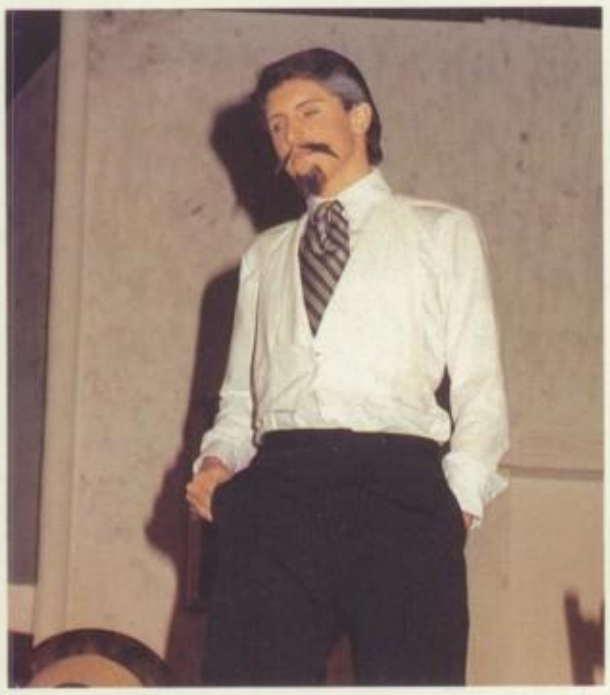
Mrs. Van Sickle swung open the wooden doors of the auditorium and rushed towards the backstage to greet her daughter with pink roses. Around her, students discussed their opinions concerning the fall play.

Senior Julie Patterson attended the play on Thursday evening. She stated, "I really enjoyed the play; it was very entertaining. After intermission the play picked up pace and I laughed through most of the third act."

After the show central unit senior Mike Merrick explained that the play began slowly, but later gained momentum. He said, "Although the play was entertaining I had to pay close attention in order to understand. I gave it a thumbs up; the actors really lived their characters."

On the flip side, Pete Knapp stated, "I felt that the actors performed well, but that the play itself was beyond high school." Tracy Willet chimed in to add that she found it hard to follow and had trouble grasping the plot.

At the completion of the play's production Ms Mateer commented, "I felt that for the amount of time allotted for preparation, the production ran as smoothly as possible."



SMUG! Doug Ray smiles evilly, rethinking his plans for the perfect murder and assuming he has succeeded. *Logan Photo*

STATE OF CONFUSION! An exasperated Kirby Martin refuses a drink from Allen Wolfe and Jenny Berg. This occurred in Act II. *Logan Photo*

EXCITEMENT SHINES THROUGH! During "See How They Run," Kevin Steele and Rob Spitler adjust the light board for the production. *Logan Photo*

Slowly, the bright lights rose as the young maid scurried across the stage. Up in the control room Kevin Steele felt a twinge of nervousness as he adjusted the light board, but he also added, "It felt good to have the responsibility of lighting for plays." During stage craft class, Neal Charske prepared his students to adjust the lighting for plays during the year.

Mr. Charske also instructed his stagecraft students to build the scenery for the plays. The students decorated the flats, boards twelve foot high and four foot wide, which represented the background during scenes. Mr. Charske added that the students utilized many materials ranging from wood and metal to carpet and canvas.

For the fall play, the class worked one and a half months to complete the sets. The students modified this scenery to use in the winter play. Dan George commented, "We changed the flats' color and replaced a window and a door." At the completion of the modification, Mr. Charske stated, "I was relieved and satisfied with the end product."

DISTURBANCE! After an argument between Jenny and Andrew Cann, each go their separate but somewhat disgruntled or perturbed ways. *Logan Photo*

Is this one real?

All loose ends come together for stage crew on opening

Four people dressed as vicars, Episcopal ministers, appeared on stage. Of the four vicars, Corporal Clive and a Russian spy portrayed the unmasked impostors. This predicament led to rampant accusations and mistaken identities concerning all four characters. Confusion prevailed throughout the 1987 winter play, "See How They Run," which began showing for three days, December 10,11, and 12. Megan Mateer, the play's director, stated, "In this play, things started to happen; they exploded, and then for a conclusion the pieces went back together."

For six weeks, the director and performers prepared for the show. Megan Mateer designed the scenery's entire concept basing her ideas on the play. She also made most of the costumes and trained the performers to apply their own make-up. In October, the students received their scripts, which enabled them to analyze their characters and memorize their lines. Beginning November 16, the students rehearsed for two hours after school. Adam Burtt, who portrayed Reverend Toop, commented, "Rehearsals were a lot of fun; we had a good old time." More seriously, Jenny Berg explained the importance of the characters' timing during rehearsals. She stated, "We really had to know our lines so our timing would be correct; the chemistry among characters was extremely important."

Megan Mateer, who also directed for the Dayton Theatre Guild, defined "See How They Run" as a play built on situation comedy, a comedy revolving around complex affairs. The flowing action, involved situations and hilarious plot provided for this situation comedy. Mistaken identities added to the madcapness of the play. When asked how the title related to the play, Megan Mateer answered, "The title captured the flowing confusion of the entire show."

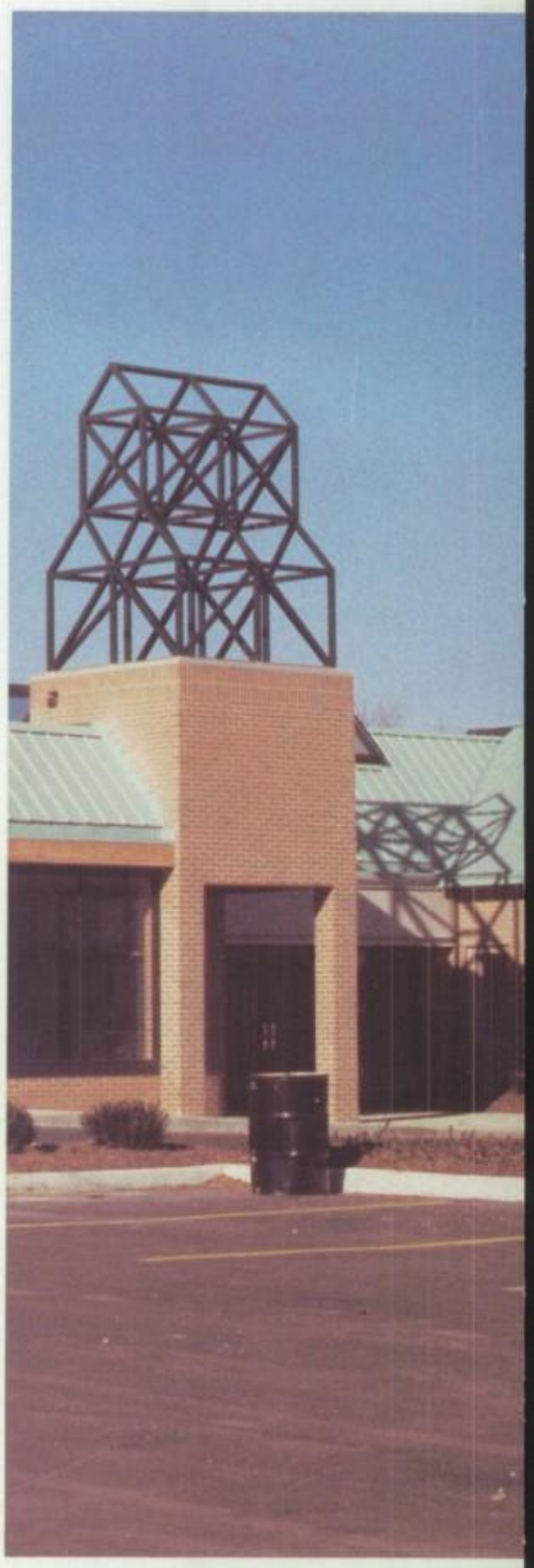
Holly Clauss

HOW MUCH DID SHE DRINK? After consuming too much bubbly Rothschild, Miss Skillon passes into oblivion. Molly Youngkin portrayed the character. *Logan Photo*

HORRIFIED! As The Intruder tells Penelope to behave or her life ends, tension builds. Jenny Berg played Penelope and Todd Morrow portrayed the Intruder. *Logan Photo*

Dull? our city?

Shopping center of Kettering causes residents worry for area surrounding them



"Kettering, Ohio? Isn't Ohio, like, the place where everyone lives on a farm and harvests wheat?" This phrase commonly popped out of the mouths of ignorant out-of-staters. Many Kettering Fairmont High School students found their hometown somewhat drab but bearable during the 87-88 school year. On the other side, a lot of the students saw all the things Kettering had to offer. No matter how boring they seemed, things did happen in our community during the 87-88 school year.

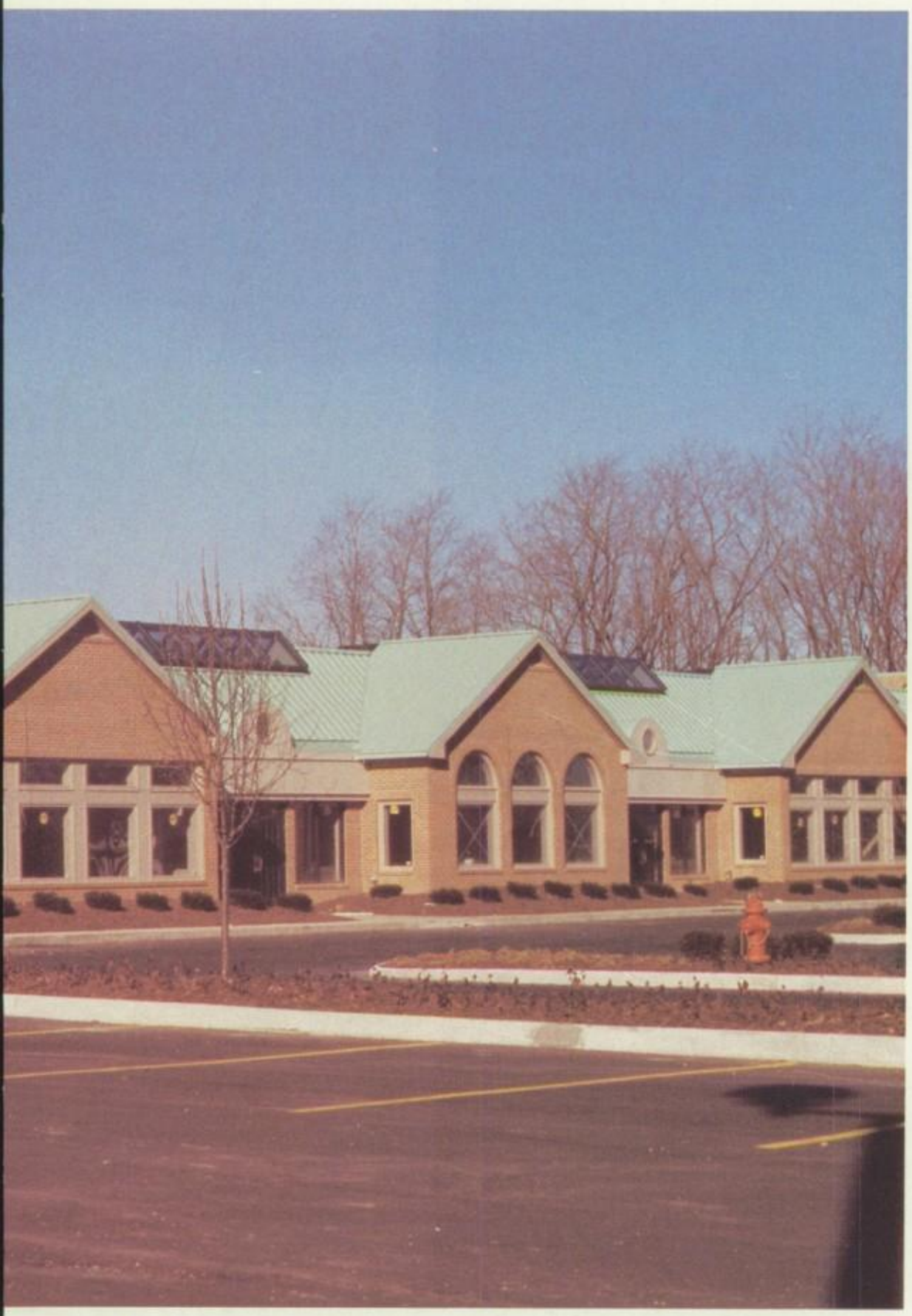
Early Saturday morning, October 3, 1987, Town and Country shopping center attracted a large crowd. The main attraction did not include a sale but more like a fire. The fire started approximately three hours before someone discovered it at 6:45 a.m. A gas-fired heating unit located on the roof of one of the stores, caused the fire. Six stores suffered damaged. Scheduled for its' opening October 15, 1987, The Union, a new store, felt the most damage. The fire called in twelve fire departments and ten of the firemen received treatment for injuries.

During the first few months of the school year, many teachers picketed in hopes of a new contract. The morale for teachers in the KCTA (Kettering Classroom Teachers Association) hit rock bottom. Working conditions seemed to worry teachers. Many teachers felt they didn't receive the professional treatment they deserved. Finally, on October 15, 1987, teachers ratified a two-year contract. The contract declared a four percent increase in salary the first year and a three percent increase the second year. The board approved the contract on October 21, 1987. Feelings of dissatisfaction from the teachers became evident.

On November 3, 1987, a six million dollar Kettering school levy passed. The levy, aimed at capital improvements, brought 504,000 dollars annually into the district. Projects included: roof improvements, computers, vocational equipment, science labs, etc. The levy money extends over a five year time period. The vote passed with a 7,714 to 5,702 ratio.

Michelle Schoenung

FORWARD MARCH! Band and drill team perform during the Kettering Holiday-at-Home parade. The parade on September 7, 1987 created much excitement. *Logan Photo*



EMPTY! These stores sit unoccupied because of many difficulties. Plans for this David Road shopping center, The Arbor, remained unclear to neighbors.
Murdock Photo

HITTIN THE STREETS! Many KCTA members picket to show their dissatisfaction with the school board. The teachers hoped to reach an agreement with the board.
Olix Photo

Some Kettering residents found it hard to relax on their back porch and discover the wonders of nature. These residents of the Far Hills and David road area felt cheated out of this activity. Instead, a dumpster provided the view from tne back of their homes. A shopping center built in the area caused much controversy. Residents tried to prevent the center from going up, but to no avail.

In 1965 the Elder Beerman company wanted to build a store on the lot. Because of the zoning for the lot, the company's plans did not work out. In 1979, another company wanted to build a chain of specialty shops. The zoning posed a problem for them also. In 1985, Kroger wanted to put up a shopping center. Their company bypassed the zoning problem and put up the center.

After all of the many problems, Kroger's pulled out of the deal. In the words of Mark Stachler, member of the Kettering residents association, "Now that Kroger's pulled out of the deal, it's a first class empty building."

CONSTRUCTION! Areas of and around Lincoln Park Center underwent a building boom in the 87-88 school year. The center helped to improve the school area.
Murdock Photo

SPLASH! Adding red paint, Jennifer Dixon works on the "Firebird Revenge" sign, based on "Nightmare on Elk Street." *Murdock Photo*

OUT OF LINE! Cheerleaders look on as Tracy Warner gets back in step as she marches in the Holiday-at-Home parade. *Logan Photo*

Spirit ripples stands for sports fans

Sure, everyone did the Wave at one time or another. Pro football fans started the trend, and soon after, high schools had picked up on the craze. Throwing their arms into the air at just the right moment sounded fun, but the 'Birds wanted more. They craved to see their parents doing the Wave.

Getting the parents to join took some effort. Sporting blue sweaters and holding white megaphones, Mike Merrick, Mark Klaaren, Curt Dahm, and Tim Doyle played their hand at yell leading.

By the Wayne football game, the parents had all their moves mastered. Instead of the overused version of the Wave, they threw their hands into the air and waved good-bye like children. Wayne spectators took the spirited efforts as a friendly gesture, because they waved right back.

"We cheered to get parents involved," said Tim Doyle. The seniors felt that since adults filled the majority of the seats at the football games, they should take part in the spirit.

Spirit? Complaints about a lack of excitement traveled through the stands and hallways of Fairmont as the season kicked off. Angered by the competitive "Senior Rah," the sophomores voiced their opinions to the Flyer. As a result, groups of students struggled to think of new ways to create unity at Foreman Field on Friday nights.

Mike Merrick saw the opportunity to put males back in the cheering spotlight, so he seized it . With the help of Frank Spolrich, Merrick organized a squad named True Blue. "But we did not want to be known as cheerleaders, because they do a wonderful job already," stressed Merrick. The group respected the girls for their ability to remain positive even at the worst games.

Sheri DePew welcomed the addition to cheerleading. Instead of feeling threatened, the varsity squad saw the yell leaders as an asset. With megaphones, the two groups got their messages to students and parents in a louder way.

"When players heard the crowd, it helped," said DePew, "They felt the crowd working for them to do a good job." After all, the more voices, the more encouragement.

HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR MOM TODAY? Christopher Neff and his mother, Dee Neff, exchange a quick hug after the Fairmont pep rally before the big game. *Murdock Photo.*

Widman ignites parents section

James Widman has taught auto mechanics at Kettering Fairmont since 1976. In the classroom, at the sporting events, and throughout the community, his enthusiasm for life affected everyone he came in contact with.

Rosemarie Brooks, friend of Mr. Widman, expressed what she felt made him such a magnificent man. "He has a special ability to each and every person he comes in contact with. His personality is infectuous, he refuses to let anyone be blue!"

Most students and other people associated with the school recognized Mr. Widman as the man who riled up the parent section at the football games. He recalled simple cheers while parents gave him suggestions of their favorites. The most popular cheer went, "Oo wah wah Firebirds!"

Usually Mr. Widman would stand in his reserved seat wearing a fluorescent orange hunting hat or plaid golf pants — so parents knew where to find him when they wanted to have a good time at the football games.

Mr. Widman's enthusiasm for Fairmont athletics began in 1976 with the volleyball team. This year the cheerleaders began asking him to help them get the students going. But he remained working with the students only in the classroom. Mr. Widman's personality is enjoyed and appreciated by the entire school.

TIME FOR A BREAK

Neffs find Fairmont friendly

Every year, Fairmont and Centerville have competed in fund-raising competitions to benefit a worthy cause. This year, the search for a charity began like any other. The outcome, on the other hand, proved quite different.

This year, a special child with leukemia, named Christopher Neff, touched the hearts and lives of the students at Fairmont. Christopher's mother, who worked with Candlelighters, a support group for parents of children with cancer, contacted the school at the peak of discussion over the spirit chain project.

Five-year-old Christopher became a poster child for the money drive and the two schools raised a combined total of $6,000 for the Candlelighters. He also made an appearance at the pep rally before the Fairmont/Centerville game.

Unfortunately, Christopher went into relapse just before Christmas. When the students heard, they responded with just as much vigor as they had before. They sent cards, toys, and other gifts. On Monday, December 14, Santa Claus delivered presents to the Neff family, including a bike for Christopher purchased using the money that students collected.

Russell Isaacs joined in the drive along with the students. Isaacs, who gave the Horatio Alger speech, contributed $50 to the amount raised for Christopher.

Students at Fairmont deserved to feel proud of the much-appreciated support they gave the Neff family. As activity director, Roger Bauser put it, "I think it's been a special relationship between the students and Christopher. I think he's been an inspiration to our kids."

JUST MY SIZE! With a little help, Christopher Neff tries out his new bicycle. He and his family enjoyed the surprise visit from Santa Claus. *Murdock Photo.*

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST EXCUSE TO GET OUT OF SCHOOL?

Mike Thuma, senior

"Extreme vomiting and severe intestinal upset due to overdoing my extra-curricular activities."

Dennis Holderman, senior

"I told the unit supervisor that I had a chemical imbalance in my brain that gave me severe headaches."

Holly Schneider, senior

"To get out of detention I told them I had a business appointment with my dad."

Anne Meckstroth, junior

"I tell my dad 'I think I'm getting mono, but he makes me go anyway."

Chip Gannon, sophomore

"My knee is bothering me and I can't make it to class on time."

Penny Pummill, junior

"But Mom, I don't have anything important to do there."

CASHING-IN!

Bargains send plastic to back seat

Tie-dye t-shirts, peace symbols, and miniskirts. The return of the radical clothes of the 60's sent students to downtown Dayton, Chicago, and Cincinnati looking for vintage jewelry and shoes in antique shops and thrift stores.

Pandora's, Feathers, and Village Thrift Store, all in Dayton, offered as an alternative to shopping at the mall. "It is less expensive, and it lets me get away from the latest trends. I don't feel confined," said junior Tracy Bond.

Bond even found beaded sweaters for formal dances. She added lace and chiffon to a dress and created a one-of-a-kind outfit for the Prom. Tammy Grubb also made alterations on the accessories she bought. "I found this great pair of gloves and dyed them to match my favorite skirt," said Grubb.

Sometimes browsing for fun items took students out-of-town. Bond called Trivet's in Cincinnati 'a warehouse of shoes.' Trivet's offered an unusual selection of used pieces, ranging from leather vests to David Bowie posters.

Kirsten Van Sickle also ventured for clothes. She found racks of green army shirts at Lost Eras in Chicago. For Christmas presents, though, she stayed closer to home. Laughing, she said, "I even bought some screwdrivers at Goodwill for my mother's stocking."

Hot trends draw Birds

Fairmont's fashions changed frequently throughout the year. Popular styles such as clothes from The Limited and Liz Claiborne products stayed in the limelight of style through the year. Jason Ferrar, frequently wore many pairs of stonewashed jeans. When asked why he preferred to wear these unique jeans he replied, "There are hot, man."

Upcoming young women of Fairmont often wore clothes from The Limited. Popular brands worn by these students, such as Forenza and Outback Red astonished most. Senior Tracy Willet noted, "I wear clothes from The Limited because they are quality products as well as in style."

Guys, on the other hand, chose Union Bay and Bugle Boy pants. Occassionally, both guys and girls agreed on the brands they bought, especially Generra and Polo.

"Liz Claiborne is definitely the best brand to buy," commented Julie Hastings. The products made by Liz Claiborne included gloves and purses. When looking for purses, Gucci, appealed , but few found the extra money to buy them. Students agreed that buying these products may lead to excessive use of credit cards later in life.

HERE YA GO! Making use of her activity ticket, sophomore Anne Kalthoff gives her pass to Gene Tullis which enables her to enjoy a home basketball game. *Murdock Photo.*

IS IT ME? Asks Tonya Massey while she tries out the vintage hats at Feathers in the Oregon District. Other businesses sold antiques, art, and records. *Youngkin Photo*

Altercations ruin spirit

Uncorking a brand-new school year brought about a wave of new confrontations spilling over from the 86-87 years epidemic. Most students seem well aware of this serious dilemma: Post-Game Rumbles.

This conflict arose in the 86-87 school year after a basketball contest between Fairmont and Beavercreek. The situation worsened one week later when Fairmont's loss to Centerville erupted the mounting tension between the arch rivals. Since then no fights have occurred on a large scale, but small altercations took place after the Fairmont/Alter football game in 87.

Overall attitude of the students toward the fighting warranted concern among faculty members. A senior, who wished to remain anonymous, summed up this attitude when he said, "We might not always win on the court or field, but we have not been beaten in the parking lot."

Finally, the administrators at local schools felt that the situation had gotten out-of-hand. At Fairmont, Frank Spolrich decided to hold a meeting with students of a group of senior students.

In the meeting, the students and Spolrich discussed the consequences. The most visible alteration came in the clothes of spectators. Groups of people wearing similiar outfits would no longer gain admittance, and unorthodox behavior would result in Saturday school.

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT! At Greenview Cathy Jones has her ankle taped by Cara Laquaglia while showing their spirit with a spirit sign hanging proudly from a tree above. *Murdock Photo*

Students find tickets beneficial

Along with Guess jeans and leather jackets, activity tickets successfully became an item this year among the students. This year 1,054 students purchased these at the cost of $35 each. Although this price seemed a bit outrageous, each year it seems to cause no complaints from the students because of all the benefits.

These tickets, issued early in the year, remained in effect the entire year. The price of the activity ticket not only provided admission into all home sporting events, but also paid for school plays, the yearbook, and monthly Flyer.

Junior Mark Weber said, "I think activity tickets are a good idea. They were very convenient." They seemed to have had many other advantages as senior Greg Garberson states, "Mine came in handy in the winter as I used it to scrape the snow from my windshield."

Citizens see signs sprout

What's blue, white and read all over? Fairmont "Spirit Signs!" Because of these signs a new form of spirit arrived in Kettering. Modeled after signs coming from Worthington High School in Columbus, the 16x48 inch signs, printed on heavy vinyl, appeared outside homes clearly exclaiming "Home of Firebird." The athlete's name appreared in black letters, while his or her sport appeared in blue, along with the Fairmont Logo.

Fairmont Athletic Boosters sponosored this project as a non-profitable campaign for spirit. The idea helped promote community awareness of the Fairmont students involved in the athletic programs. Not only did the enthusiasm come from the athletes but their parents as well. Signs hung from houses, garages and appeared in windows.

"With my sign hanging from my garage, I felt a sense of pride everytime I approached my house," remarked senior swimmer Matt Barhorst. "Its a great way to show school spirit." The Boosters hoped to spread the message to everyone in the community that Fairmont has pride in their athletes.

Sports prosper as new coaches fill top spots

Three new head coaches arrived during the 1987-88 sports season at Fairmont to continue the Firebird winning tradition. Karen Emery coached field hockey, George Echko-volleyball, and Doug Weikert-girls' basketball. Along with these coaches, eight new assistants joined the staff.

In girls' basketball, coach Weikert directed the team to an eight-game winning streak to begin the season. Also, coach Emery and assistant Cindy Christian combined their talent directing the field hockey team to the state semifinals where they lost to the eventual state champions.

Senior Dawnette Laycox wanted to quit field hockey after hearing about the coaching change. "I was afraid that I wouldn't like coach Emery," explained Laycox, "but I'm glad that I decided to try out because this year was more exciting than the previous two." Carrying on the winning tradition at Fairmont, the new coaches gave their players spirit and motivation.

Fairmont's new volleyball coach, Mr. Echko, felt the girls will have a better season knowing next year that at least eight girls will return from last year.

"Coaching volleyball was a lot different from coaching basketball, but I found it just as challenging. My assistant coach helped me out a lot and we both adjusted easily. We are both looking forward to next year," Echko said.

Echko realized that his hard work, determination, and dedication this season will pay off next year. "I hope that we can be one of the more experienced teams in the league next year," he explained.

Anne Raske commented, "I was skeptical about the new coach. We had a tough year but we managed to work together and regroup." With a year under their belt, the new coaches anticipate that next year will bring excitement and victory to Fairmont sports.

Board of Education excludes gymnastics, frustrates athletes

"It's unfair!" remarked Tiffanie Latsko, "Nobody even asked us, the team, how we felt about dropping gymnastics." The Kettering Board of Education decided to drop gymnastics from Fairmont's extra-curricular activities for 1987-88.

Difficulty in obtaining officials, coaches, the cost of equipment and safety, and low student participation became reasons for the Board's decision to drop it.

"For most of the team it was the first time they had gone out for gymnastics and they didn't give us a chance to prove ourselves," remarked Paul Willis. "We needed more time to practice and perfect our talents for the season, but we didn't have it," stated Latsko. "You can't take one year and expect to have a great team; it takes time," said Willis.

Board game, TV test art ability

When the first snow of this winter season finally hit, most people tucked their Trivial Pursuit boards in the closet. A new game had swept in with the storm.

Pictionary, model after the TV game show, Win, Lose, or Draw, had simple rules and did not require players to memorize the difficult questions of Trivial Pursuit. "I always felt so stupid playing trivia games," claimed Kelly Menke. Menke played Pictionary with her class the day before winter vacation. Menke showed her preference for Pictionary when her team won.

On the show, puzzles contained a phrase, while in Pictionary the player only draws one word. Dave Seidenschmidt pointed out another difference. He preferred television's version because "You win money!" Chris Fife added, "I hate losing at it." Both guys agreed on one aspect of the game. They both wanted Heather Locklear for a partner on the show.

WHO MADE THAT SHOT? Basketball fans ca check out the new scoreboards to find the player name which goes with their number. *Murdock Ph*

Community funds memorialize grads in gym's display

Last January Fairmont's Athletic Department paid tribute to Melinda Utz, a former student and athlete involved in basketball and softball, lost her life in an automobile accident.

Upon entering the gym spectators will notice a new addition to the scoreboard-a Fairmont Roster Board. The north side recognizes the Lady Firebirds, while the south side represents the men. Along with it came a message bulletin telling about upcoming events which appears in the gym lobby.

This addition, made possible by contributions from the community, helped honor Melinda and the dedication she gave towards the athletic program. Along with the money raised in Melinda's name, the Athletic Boosters and the remainer of the Jim Merrill fund, helped to purchase these features.

Merrill, a former Fairmont West student and captain of the football team, died while serving as a navy pilot on a Cuban mission in 1983.

Safe rides saves lives

"Safe-Rides is an organization of students and adults trying to curb teenage drinking and driving by offering a free ride home," commented Jeff McManus, president of Safe-Rides. SafeRides operated every Friday and Saturday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

When asked how Safe-Rides worked, Jeff replied, "When a person calls us at 434-SAFE, we get some information such as name, where they're at and where they planed to go,and the phone numbers of both places. Then we send a team consisting of a guy and a girl with a Cellular One phone to pick the person up."

Senior Holly Schneider explained why she joined Safe-Rides when she said, "I'd much rather see tennagers take other teenagers home than go to a friends' funerals."

MANNING THE PHONES! Junior Tonya Chambers lends a helping hand at the Safe-Rides facility. This program provided transportation in times of trouble. *Murdock Photo*

BUSY! BUSY! Adjusting to a new job, central unit's supervisor Phil Drayton faces much work. Drayton replaced William Lautar. *Coleman photo*

Possibilities face Drayton in central

This year Fairmont's central unit went through a definite change. Bill Lautar no longer worked at the unit supervisor's desk, but instead Phil Drayton, a former football coach and teacher held the position.

Mr. Drayton commented, "The best aspect of my job is the challenge, I never really got bored here." He also enjoyed "learning about people, staff and kids, in a different capacity."

When asked about any changes he wished to make while at Fairmont he regarded the Kettering City School District as "top quality." "I have a positive attitude about our various school problems but there's really no major changes needed." Mr. Drayton does miss the relationships as a coach, but "I'm happy where I am."

Seniors, juniors find paper writing: gruesome experience

For many students, the question of the necessity of research papers dwelled in their minds. For those students who had to write two papers, the question of suicide ran through their minds.

Research papers plagued most seniors and many juniors. For as long as seven weeks, students ate, slept, and drank topics ranging from actress Marilyn Monroe to apartheid. English, science, and even economic classes assigned papers to help educate students beyond classroom discussions.

Pressure on the students to complete the research papers by the deadline drained their minds and emotionally drained them. Senior James Young said, "By the time I turned in my research paper I was ready to sit back, relax, watch "The Facts of Life," and take a chug of my favorite beverage."

Many students felt it unfair to have to write two papers, Senior Craig Richey claimed, "I never got any sleep when the research papers were assigned. The pressure was incredible! If I wasn't busy working on them, I was thinking about them and feeling guilty for not doing them."

Though Kettering libraries didn't supply students with enough information along with required magazines articles, many found themselves spending time at the University of Dayton library. Allen Wolf commented, "I was really starting to drain myself at the library. I was starting to call the librarian by her first name."

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST EXCUSE FOR COMING HOME LATE?

Angel Wilcheck, junior

"I stick to generic excuses like, 'I have to take someone home,' then I go to another party."

Paul Weeda, senior

"It was simple," Dad said, "What time did you get home?" I said, "I think a little too late."

Pat Sage, senior

"I hit a squirrel and had to take it to the vet."

Muffy Clutter, senior

"My watch was slow-honest Mom."

Jay Sopher, junior

"I told my mom I fell off east unit, broke my arm and had to go to the hospital."

Chris Knight, sophomore

"I couldn't see to drive my car because I lost my contacts."

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WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST EXCUSE FOR GETTING OUT OF A DATE?

Amy Wendell, senior

"My grandmother had a heart attack and I have to fly to Florida for the night."

Joel Blanford, senior

"I have a really bad hangover."

Hans Gottschalk, junior

"Honest, I have a wrestling tournament that weekend."

Christy Krebs, junior

"I'm really sick with walking pneumonia and I wouldn't want you to get it."

Chris Seasholtz, sophomore

"Due to the Gary Hart incident, I can't risk it."

Jenni Martin, sophomore

"My dog died and the funeral is tonight."

ALMOST THERE! Making his way around the rent-a-cop, senior Tim Dole tries to get into his friend's car to go out for lunch. This seemed popular among many other students. *Anderson Photo*

Students take break from school stress

Each school day, students created added excitement for themselves by slipping past the rent-a-cop on the way to lunch. "It was really challlenging, kind of like a game," stated Jill Wanke. By their senior year, Wanke and many others had perfected the art of dodging the patrolling teachers and cops.

Getting away from school proved a welcome relief for many. The most popular places to "do lunch" included McDonald's, Rax, and Burger King, to name a few. One senior, who wished to remain anonymous, frequently drove her friends to lunch because her car lacked a Fairmont sticker.

"Although the cop often gave us a run for our money, we usually managed to evade him," bragged John Reamon. Brian Kohnle agreed saying, "All it took was a little maneuvering to sneak out of the lot."

Some students chose to take the less adventurous route by ordering pizza and having it delivered to school. One group actually sat in their car and ate, after intercepting the pizza man.

Going out to lunch didn't always go unpunished. Some unfortunate students, who could not evade the rent-a-cop, got pinned with two detentions. This reprimand, however, did not usually prevent them from "dining out" again, the next chance they got.

Birds get involved with city council

During the last nine weeks of the school year, 23 students participated in a government project held at the Kettering Police Building. For one day,these students took control of the city to pass their own bills as a way of uderstanding their government.

Even though these bills do not actually exist the students had a great time voting on their bills. Fire chief Chad Kemper re plied, "I thought it was interesting to se first hand the activities that the city cour cil experiences everyday."

Some of the bills passed include "Frank Spolrich Day," "Miss Evans Day, "Echure Day," banning of smoking in pub lic buildings, and skate boarding.

Students become AIDS cautious

AIDS acquired immune defeciency syndrome, occasionally entered student's minds when considering dates. Students feared getting the disease that has dispersed across the United States in the 80's and killed thousands of people.

Adopted this year a new school policy established that, if a student had AIDS and he wanted to attend school, the superintendent, the school physician, the attorney, and the Montgomery County commissioner would decide if he posed a threat to the school and its students.

Breaking down one's immune system by reducing one's ability to fight even the common cold, the illness posed a threat to teachers as well as students. When asked what he thought about the deadly disease, geography teacher Scott Counts replied, "I think it has made people more aware of their interactions with other people."

Senior Charlie Petzold started thinking about AIDS before he went to Daytona Beach for spring break. He commented, "I'm not going to chase girls down there like the rest of the guys because I'll end up dead." Agreeing with Petzold, senior Jamie Young stated, "I think you can find other ways to have fun rather than picking up girls."

Scientists have found no cure up to this time, as the year progressed students and teachers considered the disease a threat and took precautionary steps against it.

UST TAKE IT! Trying to be brave, senior Cherly Villiams prepares herself to give blood. A helpful urse explains to her that she will not get AIDS from

Barlow Photo

Cards entertain Birds with euchre tourney

"The famed euchre craze," as Principal Frank Spolrich states it. The new rage at Fairmont consumed much of students spare time. "Games should not interfere with the educational instruction at Fairmont; yet when given the chance at the end of the period when instruction is over, I see no problem."

As the craze raged on, Safe Rides sponsored their first annual Euchre Tournament. Students and teachers could enter as teams or as individuals and be paired up with approximately sixty-four teams entering. At five dollars a team and three dollars per single, Safe Rides brought in almost 250 dollars. President Jeff McManus stated, "The tournament was probably our biggest money maker this year and everyone had a really good time."

Winners of the tournament Barbara Hartman and Stephanie Phibbs' father, Mr. Phibbs, won two one day passes to Kings Island. Many other area retailers donated prizes and food to the tournament.

Lunch time euchre player, Bret Kramer, usually plays everyday with a group of friends. Bret said, "It gives me a chance to relax during the school day and time to be with my friends." Many students chose to follow the same route as Bret and join "the famed euchre craze."

DEAL 'EM UP! Taking time out from their yearbook class, seniors Chad Kemper, Tracy Lenthe, Randy Yoder, Drew Harris, and Tina Lindquist relax with an enjoyable game of euchre. *Ackerman Photo*

Bronze salons or cancer coffin? Many wonder about effects

Dark! Bronzed! Tan! This year the words described beauty. They seemed the motives of many kids, and indeed many Fairmont students as all flocked to nearby tanning salons.

Junior tanning expert, Anne Meckstroth said "I usually went to the tanning beds before vacations to prevent me from burning." Yet others such as senior Andrea Kemmer, replied that "tanning booths helped me relax and made me feel better about myself."

Tanning salons often times remained busy throughout the year, but all seemed to gain enormous business during the spring break season. One employee of the local Sun Tannery, senior Tina O'Neil, replied "Yes, my job definitely was not boring around spring break, in fact sometimes I saw more of my friends come in to tan than I saw at school."

Although girls weren't the only ones involved in this craze, a few guys, wishing to leave their names anonymous, picked up on the idea and all went as often as they could. These guys all agreed that they "kinda liked it!"

Even though tanning beds remained a health risk, that didn't seem to stop students. Dr. Kenneth Welty, a plastic surgeon, highly disapproved of the beds, saying "I don't know why they were even invented." But these salons did come about and they will probably stay in business for quite a while.

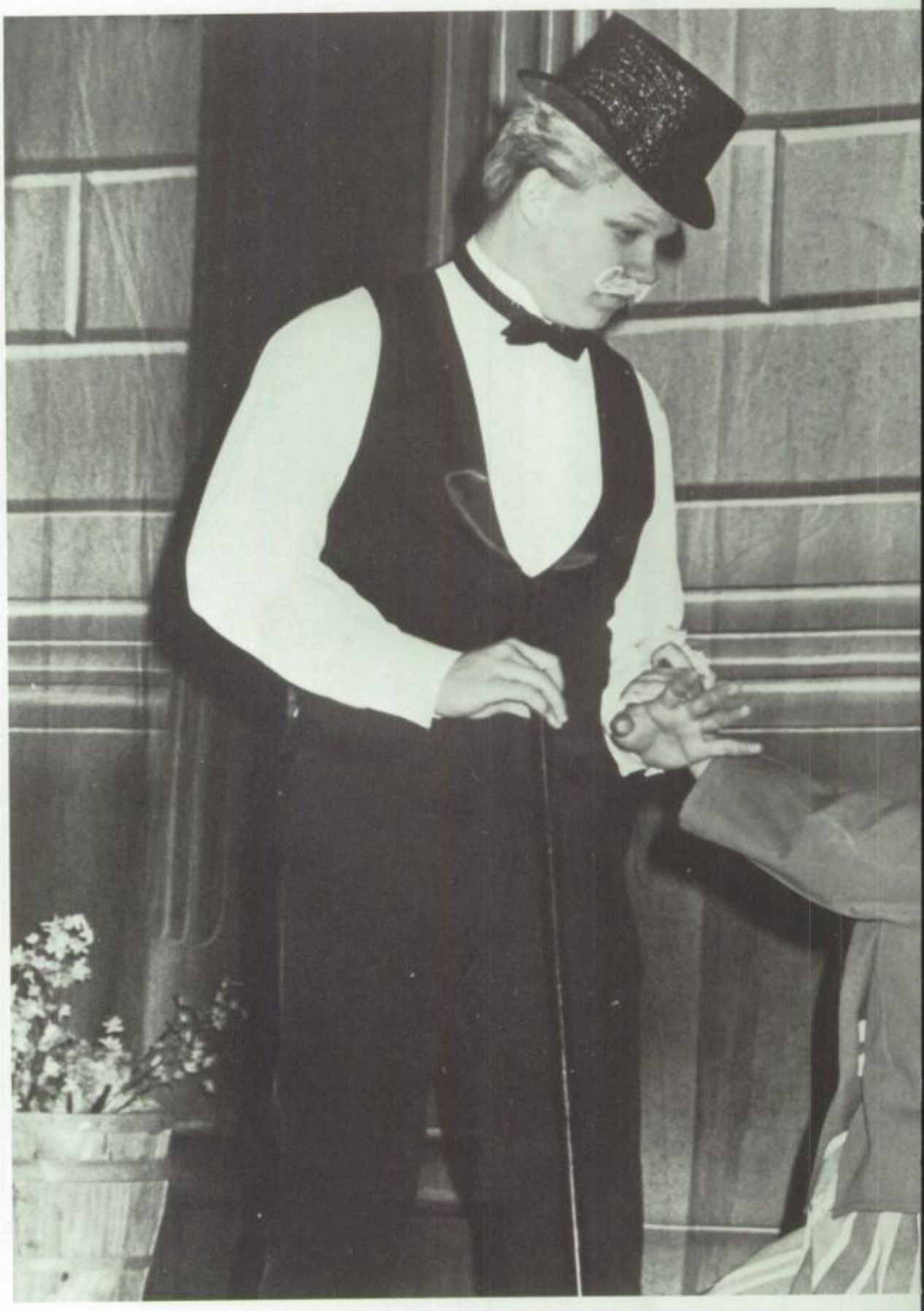
INTENSE! Eliza Doolittle (Lillian Valdes) begs Colonel Pickering (Kevin Batson) not to let the police arrest her. Later the misunderstanding became resolved. *Logan Photo*

DECISIONS, DECISIONS! Jill Jackson tries on a hat to go with her costume for her part in the musical. Costumes came from several different resources. *Logan Photo*

Costumes became a key element in the authenticity of the spring musical. They utilized this element as much as possible. From Eliza Doolittle's "rags" to "riches," the costumes definitely varied.

Improvisation became an important factor in finding the "perfect" costume. Several of the cast members found themselves scrounging through thrift shops to find the right outfit. Some rented their get-up, while others had theirs made. Kathern Bainter added, "My mom sewed my outfit for me, taking it straight from the movie." Liz Stager added, "I love all my costumes so much; I didn't want to give them back." In the end everyone put it all together and slid into their parts as they put on their guise.

In "My Fair Lady" the costumes came in a wide variety. Clothing aimed to take the audience back to the turn of the century in England. Throughout this period in time, men dressed as gentlemen and women wore lady-like garb. Whether the clothing came in the form of a parasol or a decorative ball gown, costumes had a lead role in the musical.



A DAY AT THE RACES! Eliza Doolittle and Colonel Pickering accompany one another, Mrs. Higgins (Liz Stager) and Henry Higgins (Chris McManus) join them. *Logan Photo*

DRAMA! After ejection from a bar, three cockneys (seniors Mike Merrick, Tom Kinne, and sophomore Steve Somers) console one another before breaking into song. *Logan Photo*

SHOW GRABS ALL

Cast members go to all costs to find that perfect costume

With the help of a large cast and much talent, this year's musical, "My Fair Lady," captivated as exhibited by junior Jennifer O'Brien's comment, "I thought the acting was really good, and the singing was great. The musical lasted about three hours, but it didn't seem that long at all."

"My Fair Lady," based on the George Bernard Shaw play "Pygmalion," told the story of Eliza Doolittle. Eliza, a poor girl who sold flowers for a living, became the subject of a bet between two wealthy men. The two men, Colonel Pickering and Henry Higgins, make the wager. Higgins felt he could transform Eliza into a prim and proper lady, while Pickering insisted he would not succeed.

Major characters in the production included Eliza, portrayed by Llilian Valdes; Pickering, Kevin Batson; and Higgins, Chris McManus. Other lead roles in consisted of Alfred P. Doolittle, Tom Kinne; Freddy Eynsford-Hill, Jeff Crawford; and Zolton Karpathy, Brian Hyland. Liz Stager played Mrs. Higgins. Kathern Bainter, who portrayed Mrs. Pearce, commented on the actual production, "Everything ran smoothly except for an incident on Saturday. Llilian's dress wasn't changed quickly enough and Tom had to sing five extra spontaneous minutes of the song, 'Get Me to the Church Car.' He did a great job; everything rhymed, too." Kate Ericson, member of the orchestra, added, "The cast worked really hard and ended with a job well-done."

Those, on and off the stage, worked hard to put it all together. Rodney Gradel produced the play, dealing with the choral and dramatic interpretation, while Lynn Rohr directed the orchestra. Neal Charske, the technical and stage director, also contributed to the production with colorful Victorian settings, backdrops, and props.

In addition to the stagecraft class, others contributed to the sets. Gradel rented the drops from New York and Hallum Furniture provided set pieces. Esther Price Candies donated the chocolates consumed on-stage. Many adults volunteered to help with the stage make-up. Substitute teacher Barb Stager commented, "The sets were gorgeous; they matched the time period of the play-the Victorian era-perfectly." Leading lady Valdes summed up the work of everyone with this, "It was a lot of fun, but tons of hard work. It was the thing to do for someone who liked to be stressed out, but have fun at the same time."

Michelle Schoenung

STEP BY STEP

Dream turns into reality when 'Anthym' performs live

Although the majority of people had a difficult time choosing the perfect attire from their wardrobes, they normally only picked one outfit to wear to the dances. An exception, senior Brian Coffee, decided to wear two pairs of slacks, one on top of the other, since he could not decide which to wear. Brian explained, "My girlfriend Stacie Bruce settled that quick and had everything in control. But the pants that I finally wore had a problem with the zipper; everytime I looked down, the zipper was partially open. It was a real hassle the entire evening."

Even though a few couples endured difficulties during dance occasions, the dance sponsors and music providers maintained control during these predicaments. The Junior Class Council sponsored the dance stationed in a "Winter Wonderland" featuring holiday decor with miniature nativity scenes and candy cane pens as favors. The Senior Class Council patroned the Turnabout dance, featuring the theme "He's So Shy" with a Happy Days setting of soda glasses and pennants. WKET provided the music for that dance as well as the Father/Daughter and Mother/Son dances. The Sophomore Class Council sponsored "A Knight to Remember" with castles and crests to enhance the mood. The United Student Body Senate sponsored "A Time to Remember" setting the tone to bring out the child in all of us with rattles, balloons and ABC blocks.

In addition to Coffee, others who encountered embarassing, unusual, or special moments on 'cut-a-rug' nights confessed their experiences. Thomas Chapman and his date Stephanie Phibbs journeyed to his house after the Christmas dance. They watched Woody Allen's "Radio Days" for an after-dance attraction. Although Thomas enjoyed the picture, Stephanie fell asleep two times during the flick. Tracey Hamby, in dress, kicked up her heels with her dad when they hit the bowling lanes for a late-night game after the Father/Daughter dance. On the flip side, Robert Macchia summed up the Mother/Son dance, "I liked it. I got to spend time with my mom. She didn't expect anything from me; she just liked being with her son." Whether enjoyed or not, couples came to see what would happen at the next dance.

Holly Clauss

ENTHUSIASM! At the Christmas dance, seniors Richie Sherick and Missy Lincoln station themselves in a "Winter Wonderland" and dance the night away.
Logan Photo

GET DOWN! During the Father-Daughter dance, Albert and Michelle Killinen encourage others to follow thier lead. WKET provided the music. *Logan Photo*

ROCK AND ROLL! Anthym makes their first Fairmont debut at the Christmas dance. Members included Mike Brown, Chris Benedetti, Greg Nuckols, and Chris Abbot. *Logan Photo*

By providing the music for the Christmas dance, Anthym made their first debut in front of a large audience. Mike Brown on guitar and vocals commented, "All of us were excited about performing at the dance. We had wanted to do a good sized show for a long time; it was well worth the wait." The remaining members included Greg Nuckols, Chris Benedetti, and Chris Abbot.

Although Anthym rehearsed every chance possible, they also organized the stage, lights and PA system for the gig. Senior Jerry Wright helped with the stage and Ace Music provided the lights and PA system. It took the band two hours to set up the equipment, allowing only a half hour for a sound check. Anthym members explained that they would have welcomed more practice time.

Even though the band wished for more preparation time, Mike tried to keep them tight during their performance. He added, "When I was on the stage, I really concentrated on my part, but I tried to loosen up and just enjoy it." The band overcame their nervousness and played that old time rock and roll to Fairmont fans.

AHH, LOOK! Charley Rose surprises his date Kristie McMahon at the Tunabout dance; he found their heart first! The dance featured the theme "He's So Shy." *Logan Photo*

REIGNING! King and Queen, Steve Ruetschle and Anne Marie Ackerman enjoy the traditional royal dance. The entire student body voted for the couple. *Logan Photo*

WINDING DOWN! Students start feeling the effects of the festivities around 4:15 a.m. After-prom provided a good alternative after the dance. *Murdock Photo*

"A Journey Through Time," provided spectacular post-prom activity at the Kettering Recreation Center. Immediately following the dance, couples changed clothes and returned to the festivities.

WKET provided more music at the after-prom, but that only began the entertainment. Monte-Carlo games such as black-jack and chuck-a-luck allowed students to win money in order to buy prizes at an auction.

Volleyball, a beach party, an ice cream parlor, a fortune teller, along with the dancing and Monte-Carlo kept students entertained until 5 o'clock. Food provided an extra incentive for couples who attended the event. Ice cream sundaes, hot dogs, pizza, submarines, fruit, cookies, cheese and crackers only constituted a portion of the food.

For many couples the festivities of Prom still continued. They met for breakfast at Bob Evans or the Pancake House. Then they traveled to Ceasar's Creek for swimming, cooking-out, canoeing, sun-bathing, and overall relaxation. Senior Jeff Bieber said, "After Prom was the epitome of fun after the formalities of Prom."

SNACK TIME! Taking a break from dancing, students enjoy a refreshing cup of punch along with munchies. Missy Lincoln and Richie Sherick enjoy it all. *Logan Photo*

PROM ROCKS BIRDS

Good friends, great music create 'Time' of memories

Beginning as early as March, students at Fairmont planned for Prom 1988. Buying formal dresses, renting tuxes, ordering flowers, and making dinner reservations only began the excitement. Groups of friends made plans to enjoy their evening together, as it would make their memories last a lifetime. Senior Doug Ray stated, "All my friends and I had a great time from the time we stepped into the limo, 'til the time we came stumbling home in the morning."

After many pictures and the exchange of flowers, couples headed to dinner. Some students lined up limousines months in advance for extra special transportation. Other students borrowed their father's BMW or convertible. Chris Rau said, "I cleaned out our gutters and scrubbed all the bricks on our walkway just to borrow my dad's Audi for the evening."

Popular restaurants for the special evening included the Raquet Club, the Dayton Country Club, and 4 River Place. Senior Heather Seifert said, "Good food and good conversation at the Dayton Country Club was a great way to start the exciting evening!" From dinner, couples either stopped at a short pre-prom party or they headed straight for the dance.

Wampler Silver Ballroom at Hara Arena held the annual junior-senior Prom. WKET provided the entertainment to go along with the theme "The Best of Times." Decorations consisted of blue, silver, and white crepe paper draping from the ceiling and doorways. A starry evening through a window romantically set the backdrop for pictures.

Seniors and juniors voted on May 9 for the King and Queen of the evening. Steve Reutschle and Anne Marie Ackerman reigned as the 1988 couple. Other candidates included Robin Beaulieu, Kelly Capehart, Liz Columbus, Alicia Kingrey, Krista LaPrise, Tracy Lenthe, Brian Coffee, Chris McManus, Rob Polvino, Mike Quinn, Craig Richie, and Stephen Shannon. The court danced their traditional dance after the crowning of the King and Quenn and even more excitement filled the air.

Joannie Valassiades

POSING! Court members enjoy their moment in the spotlight. Juniors and seniors selected the court and honored the girls with roses. *Logan Photo*

Grads hit apex

Many receive scholarships to establish future plans in academics

Throughout their high school years, many seniors put forth time and effort to excel in academics. Their hard work finally paid off, on May 10 at the 1988 Firebird Key Program. These scholastically superior students received honors in an extremely large range. All present either received a key, certificate, or scholarship.

PTA scholarships received a lot of recognition with a majority of the awards based on the school students had attended. Cathleen Napier, Kimberly Edwards, Richard Hecker, Jana Katusyama, Jay Kennard, Steve Ruetschle, Richard Sherick, and Shelly Werner received the PTA council scholarships for two and four-year colleges. The Peggy Brown Memorial Scholarship went to Jenn Quarin. Kristin Dunkle received the Dwight L. Barnes Memorial. The Marily M. Gates Memorial went to Laura Russell. Al Reuther received the Oberlin Book Scholarship and the Huter Scholarship went to Stephanie Schrempp.

For special recognition, students gladly accepted Firebird Key-at-Large awards. Annette Anthony, Hecker, Katsuyama, Bret Kramer, Nuckols, and Brian Roessler received National Merit semi-finalist status. Katherine Harmer, Jana and Sean Katsuyama, and Nuckols made All-State orchestra. National Speech qualifiers, Kim Edwards and Barbara Hartman also got Firebird Key Awards for thier outstanding achievements. Many other talented students received subject matter certificates and awards.

More recognition went to academic students on May 19 at the Scholarship Program. Jeff McManus and Kristin Dunkle received the Firebird-of-the-Year Awards. The Charles L. Nolan Awards went to valedictorians Kelli Brown, Dunkle, Jay Kennard, Chris McManus, Jeff McManus, Phuong Pham, and Jennifer Quarin and salutatorians Annette Anthony and Richard Sherick.

Other seniors receiving special scholarships and awards included Rob Polvino and Deborah Wagner-"I Dare You" leadership awards; Chris McManus-David Rayburn Citizenship awards, and Bret Kramer the Ray A. Kroc award. Bridget Stonerock received the Horatio Alger recognition. Many other students received additional rewards for their hard work.

Heather McCormick, Michelle Schoenung, Jennifer Wiseman

EXCITING! During the Scholarship program on May 19, seniors Kristin Dunkle and Jeffrey McManus proudly receive their Firebird-of-the-Year plaques-the top award. *Logan Photo*

DIFFERENT! For leadership senior Rob Polvino receives the "I Dare You Award" from Fairmont assistant principal Bill Stager at the recognition night May 19. *Logan Photo*

PROUD! Fairmont's valedictorians Jenn Quarin, Jeff McManus, Chris McManus, Phuong Pham, Kelli Brown, Jay Kennard, and Kristin Dunkle receive their plaques. *Logan Photo*

WAY TO GO! Accepting subject area awards, Susan Spencer and Dave Schmitt get the drivers' education key awards at the PTA sponsored Key ceremony in May. *Logan Photo*

For many seniors, scholarships served as the deciding factor determining what college to attend. These scholarships came in all shapes, sizes, and forms and always seemed a welcome sight.

Three Fairmont students received the rare Byrd scholarship. This new scholarship-presented to Bret Kramer, Debra Wagner, and Kristin Dunkle-provided $1500 for the first year of college. Excited recipient Bret Kramer commented, "When I applied, I never expected to get it, but was glad I did."

Jim Smith, editor of **The Flyer** , received the Si Burick journalism scholarship. It provided $1500 for his first year at Ohio University. Jim stated, "This scholarhip meant a lot, seeing that **The Flyer** was the highlight of my senior year at Fairmont."

While not every single one of the seniors at Fairmont recieved the scholarship they wanted, the many who did had intentions of putting them to very constructive use.

CONGRATULATIONS! Presenting a Firebird Key for radio/tv communications, central unit supervisor Phil Drayton recognizes Kelly Kling for her contributions. *Logan Photo*

FINAL PREPARATION! During cap and gown distribution, Jim Smith double checks to see if he has everything as teacher Anne Rizer hands out senior composites. *Murdock Photo*

As the day approached, seniors began to realize the high costs of graduation. The expenses continued to rise as they began to prepare for the big day.

Announcments contributed to the high price of graduation. They ranged from $40 to $200 depending on which type of announcements a student ordered.

Caps and gowns also added to graduation cost. Seniors paid a non-refundable cost of ten dollars for their rental of gowns. Later they paid a refundable $20 fee to guarantee the return of the cap and gown.

Graduation parties made up a large part of the numerous costs. The cumulative cost of cakes, decorations, and food sometimes ran into the hundreds. Some seniors even spent the extra money for the rental of a recreational facility to hold their party.

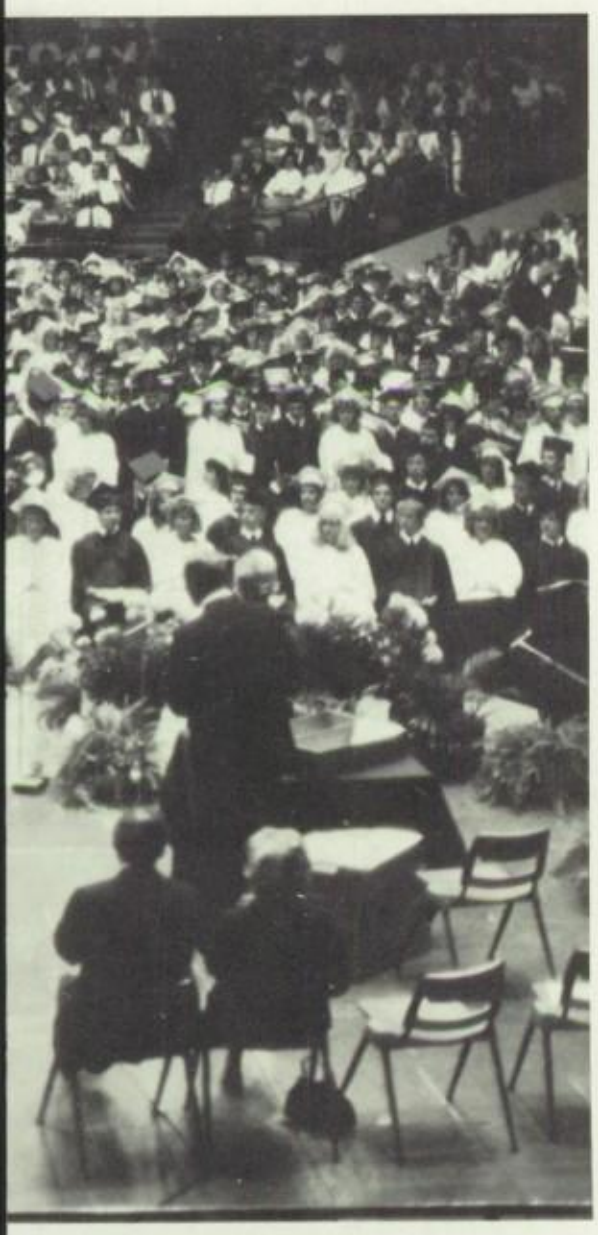
Although many seniors sacrificed much of their money to meet the high costs, they didn't let that take away from their fun. Senior Jim Shaw replied, "I felt it worth the hassle, since a person only graduates from high school once."

EXCITMENT! As graduates patiently awaited to sit down, the excitment began to build as the time drew closer to recieving their diplomas. *Logan Photo*

MOVING ON! Senior Holly Martin speaks of leaving her little brother, Kirby, behind while she attends college in England on a Muse Machine Scholarship. *Logan Photo*

Birds fly high

Seniors give final good-bye to Fairmont; show talent at Graduation



On June 6, 1988, 601 young men and women said farewell to Fairmont. As seniors turned in their text books for the last time or sent final trnascripts, they knew that the end of their high school years finally drew near.

Before Graduation seniors attended Baccalaureate at Memorial Hall on June 5. They described the service as an all denominational religious service to celebrate, and guide them in their future. Debi Slakter presented a reading from the Hebrew scriptures, and Shelly Werner read "the Good Samaritan" from the Christian scriptures. Steve Ruetschle concluded with an agnostic reading.

Seniors anxioulsy awaited the trip down to the floor of the University of Dayton Arena. As the first note of "Pomp and Circumstance" rang through the air, they knew the big moment had arrived-Commencement, June 9, 1988.

Containing many talents the Class of 1988 produced many rewards for Fairmont. Mike Merrick and Greg Nuckols showed their talents while performing the song "The Memories We'll Remember" which they composed themselves. In addition to the musical presentations, Kelli Brown gave the Invocation while Sheri Cole, Kim Edwards, and Holly Martin gave speeches throughout the ceremony and Michelle Sabadash gave the Benediction.

Graduation turned into the last time so see some of their friends, others kept in touch. "Time Is My Friend," the song sung by Illusion Show Choir expressed the thought that friends stay friends even after Gruaduation.

In the end Kristin Dunkle lead the turning of the tassels, the students gave their farewell performance. With the parties afterwards, and heading off to college, the memories of Fairmont never left their minds.

John Kleinfeldt said, "My most memorable moment was making varsity track my sophomore year." Many seniors left Fairmont with numerous accomplishments to remember and be proud of for years to come. Carolyn Macchia added, "My most memorable event was the trip to England with Show Choir during my junior year."

Karen Kreitzer, Linn Nypaver, Ann Hoog

TALENT! Performing "The Memories We'll Remember" seniors Greg Nuckols and Mike Merrick touched the hearts of many with a song they composed themselves. *Logan Photo*

Field narrows in '88 primaries

With the approach of a Presidential election, much of the events of the year centered around the potential candidates of the Spring Primaries. As winter rolled in the Democrats had a wide field of candidates while the Republicans narrowed their choices to Bob Dole or George Bush. By April's end Bush had enough committed delegates to take the nomination on the first convention ballot.

As the March and April primaries passed, Democratic candidates fell by the wayside and May narrowed the field to Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson. As the big California June primary loomed, Dukakis held the lead. A sidelight to the scene occurred in January when Dan Rather interviewed George Bush on the "CBS Evening News." As Rather pressed for an answer to the question of Bush's knowledge of the Iran-Contra Affair, Bush grew irate and heated words came from both sides. Each man had his supporters nationwide in a debate over the episode.

President Reagan found himself in ever-increasing controversy. His Supreme Court nomination of Judge Bork faltered and was rejected. A second nominee Douglas Ginsburg admitted the use of marijuana while in college and his early career. This caused so much uproar that he withdrew. Finally a third name-Anthony Kennedy met with Senate confirmation and he assumed his position in January.

Other political figures surrounding Reagan got their share of press coverage. Casper Weinburger, defense secretary, resigned because of his wife's health. Edwin Meese became the center of a criminal probe for his dealings with E. Robert Wallach, the central figure in both the Wedtech and Iraqui pipeline scandals. A number of Justice Department aides resigned as well as Meese firing some he felt did not defend him adequately.

In May former White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan published a book that caused great embarrassment to the First Family. All Washington knew that Nancy Reagan had never approved of the former Chief; consequently, she became the target of his bitterness. He exposed the fact that she relied on astrological signs regarding scheduling of events on the President's agenda.

Two visitors to the United States brought great press coverage as Pope John Paul II made a second tour of the US in September calling himself a friend to all Americans. Then in December Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev came to a summit meeting with Reagan. The talks centered on strategic arms reduction.

Gorbachev became **Time** magazine's Man-of-the-Year featuring his reforms and overatures to world fellowship. As the May summit approached, Russia's bargaining in good faith escalated with the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan.

In September Philadelphia hosted the 200th birthday of the United States Constitution. Then on a darker side October 19 saw a stock market crash worse than 1929. On that Black Monday the market fell 22.6 points with over 600 million pieces traded.

Fall saw the NFL go on strike with replacement players keeping the schedule on key. The Minnesota Twins topped the St. Louis Cardinals in the seventh game of the series in a distractingly noise-filled Metrodome.

Conflict continued between Iran and Iraq affecting the Persian Gulf with the reflagging of the Kuwaiti oil ships to carry US flags. In April the conflict resulted in the United States shelling the Iranian navy with the loss of one American plane.

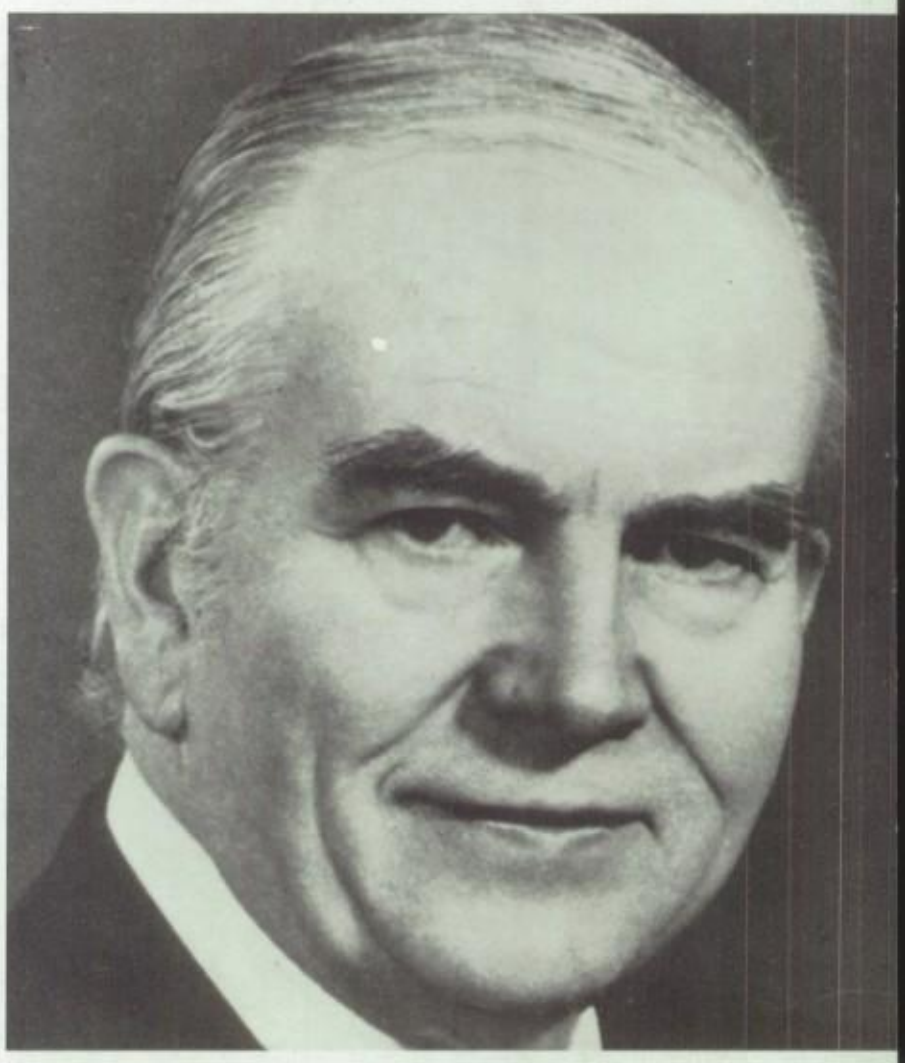
Air travel came under close scrutiny. In October a pilot-less Air Force plane hit an Indianapolis Ramada Inn killing nine. November saw a Continental Plane crash on takeoff at Denver with snow buildup costing 27 lives. In December a disgruntled ex-airline worker smuggled a hand gun on board to attempt to kill his former boss. The firing of the gun resulted in a crash killing all 43 aboard. In April an Aloha Airlines flight 243 lost a chunk of cabin ceiling and a stewardess. Although the pilot successfully landed, the incident resulted in close inspection of the aging Boeing 737's.

London's subway was hit by a disastrous fire in November killing 32. A November 29 avalanche killed 60 in Chile. Also Cuban prisoners seized control of prisons in Louisiana and Georgia at Thanksgiving holding hostages over a five and seven day period.

Over Christmas a mentally disturbed R. Gene Simmons killed 13 members of his family in Little Rock. By mid-May he had entered a guilty plea and asked the judge that the death sentence be carried out quickly.

Sports watchers saw the Denver Broncos fall to the Washington Redskins in a 42-10 rout with Doug Williams becoming the first black quarterback in Super Bowl history. Williams earned the MVP honors and set a new record of 340 yards passing. In February viewers saw a dismal garnering of six medals at the Calgary Winter Olympics with Skaters Brian Boitano and Bonnie Blair capturi golds and Debi Thomas a bron Cincinnati Reds manager Pe Rose became the center of c flict after an altercation with u pire Dave Pallone during a M game at Riverfront. The heat words turned into a pushing mat with the National League Comm sioner suspending Rose for days.

May brings thought of summ fun and nearby Kings Island offe special packages to groups su as grad nights, etc. One joyous t turned to tragedy as a busload church youth returned to th Radcliff, KY, home on May 15. southbound I-71 the bus met pickup truck driven by La Mahoney going the wrong w head-on. Three adults and young people lost their live Mahoney's blood alcohol le showed twice the legal amount DWI and he was charged with counts of capital murder. T prosecuter planned to seek t death penalty.



SO LONG MILTON! Dayton paid a final tribute to one of its most illustrious sons with the April death of cartoonist Milton Caniff. Starting his career at the Dayton papers, Car gained fame during the second wo war with "Terry and the Pirates" a later "Steve Canyon." *DNI P*

On an upbeat note, the nation in October watched for several days as rescuers in Midland, Texas, worked to free 18-month-old Jessica McClure from a well where she had fallen and lodged 22 feet below the ground. The story had a successful ending and Jessica became the recipient of gifts, cards, and well-wishes from a nation.

Jimmy Swaggert joined the list of fallen TV evengelists in February as exposure brought his tearful confession to sexual misconduct. His church leaders banned him from the pulpit for a year.

Arizona's embattled Governor Evan Meecham, who made news shortly after taking office for repealing Martin Luther King Day, took center stage at an impeachment trial that cost him his job. In May he faced criminal charges of accepting a $350,000 illegal campaign contribution.

In continued Central American difficulties, the United States negotiated to get General Manuel Anotonio Noriega to leave office. One demand included the US dropping of all drug charges against him. This caused much opposition as the nation had adopted a get-tough on drugs policy.

In Israel two former Ohioans found themselves in deep trouble. The year-long trial of former Cleveland steel worker John Demjanjak was convicted of being the Nazi death camp's "Ivan the Terrible." A death sentence brings an automatic appeal under Israeli law. Mubarak Awad, formerly of Wapakeneta, was arrested in Jerusalem as an undesirable and was scheduled for deportation to the US.

Local citizens who left their jobs made the Dayton paper headlines. In December Ohio State fired Earl Bruce just before the Buckeye's final game. John Cooper from Arizona State will replace him. In Dayton Chief Tyree Broomfield fell into disfavor for his lack of control of his department. Pressure finally forced his resignation. Finally, local TV viewers bid a fond farewell to the ever-popular Channel 7 news anchor Don Wayne as he retired after 46 years with WHIO.

Two murders shook the community with the brutal murder of Anotonio Cooley, 12, in February and the discovery of Judy Sinks, missing since November. Cooley was beaten, smothered, forced to drink pesticide by two fifteen-year-olds. Two thirteen-year-old girls and a thirteen-year-old boy were found delinquent and assigned to the Ohio Youth Authority. The two perpetrators will stand trial as adults. In May the body of Judy Sinks was discovered buried in concrete in a pedestal in a little-used room at Dayton Newpapers Incorporated. Ted Sinks was arrested and charged with her murder. Both husband and wife were employees of DNI.

Wright Patterson served as a cause for concern when it was revealed that possibly pesticides had been buried there. Workers had washed themselves at a site where Boy Scouts camped in 1985. Scouts were examined at government expense with negligible results.

Academy Awards for 1988 went to Cher for her performance in "Moonstruck" and Michael Douglas for "Wall Street." Politician Michael Dukakis's cousin Olympia won best-supporting actress while Sean Connery won the best-supporting actor. "The Last Emporer" won best picture along with a host of other Oscars.

HELLO DAYTON! During his campaign stop before the May primary, Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis and Lieutenant Governor Paul Leonard prepare to mount the steps of Courthouse Square. Dukakis drew a crowd of several thousand to the noon appearance. *Logan Photo*

The Passing Scene

July

Malcolm Baldrige, 64, US Sec. of Commerce-of internal bleeding after his horse fell on him.

Richard Egan, 65, of cancer-movie and TV actor.

August

Rudolf Hess, 93, suicide-Nazi officer inprisoned in Spandau since 1945.

Clara Peller, 86, of Wendy's "Where's the Beef" commercial.

Lee Marvin, 63, heart attack — played in "Dirty Dozen" and won Oscar for "Cat Ballou."

John Huston, 81, emphysema-actor and director of "Asphalt Jungle," "Maltese Falcon," "African Queen."

September

Lorne Greene, 72, heart attack-portrayed Ben Cartwright on "Bonanza;" starred in "Battle Star Galactica" and Alpo commercials.

Dan Rowan, 65, cancer-comedian of 60's "Laugh-In" fame

Mary Astor, 81, emphysema-actress who starred in "Maltese Falcon," won Oscar for "The Great Lie."

Henry Ford, II, 70, pneumonia-president of Ford Motors.

October

Jean Anouilh, 77, French dramatist-author of "Becket."

Alfred M. Landon, 100, GOP's grand old man, lost landslide election of 1936 to FDR.

November

Woodrow (Woody) Herman, 74, big band leader.

Harold Washington, 65, heart attack-sitting mayor of Chicago.

James Baldwin, 63, cancer-world famous black author.

January

Trevor Howard, 71, character actor who played Bligh opposite Brando in '62 remake of "Bounty."

"Pistol" Pete Maravich, 40, heart attack-during pickup game of basketball, NBA Hall of Famer who lead league scoring in 1977.

Gregory "Pappy" Boyington, 75, cancer-commanded Black Sheep squadron in WW II.

Phillippe de Rothchild, 85, member of internationally known banking family who devoted himself to the wine segment of the Rothchild empire.

February

Frederick "Fritz" Loew, 86, Boradway composer of "My Fair Lady" and "Camelot."

March

Andy Gibb, 30, heart failure due to drug addiction-younger brother of Bee Gees who made a solo act, but his popularity waned as drug addiction increased.

Ted Kluszewski, 63, heart attack-famous Red hitter who later coached Reds hitters.

Robert Joffrey, 57, liver ailment-created low-budget ballet troup.

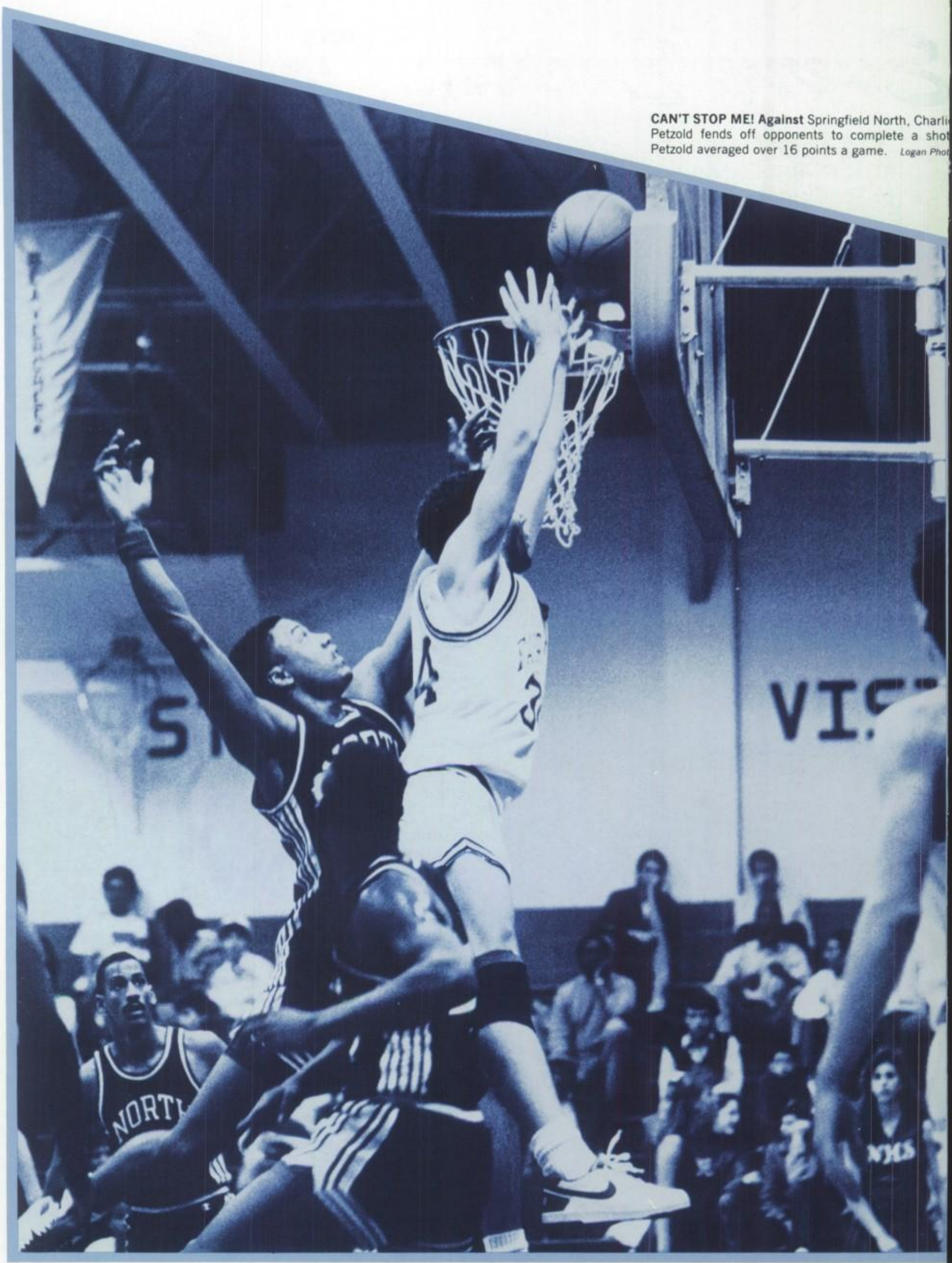
Patrick Steptoe, 74, cancer-co-developer of in-vitro fertilization.

April

Milton Caniff, 81, cancer-cartoonist born in Hillsboro, OH, and graduate of Stivers in Dayton, drew "Steve Canyon."

Alan Payton, 85, cancer-author of **Cry, the Beloved Country** *about developing racial anguish in South Africa.*

Brook Benton, 56, pneumonia — composer and singer: "A Rainy Night in Georgia."



CAN'T STOP ME! Against Springfield North, Charli
Petzold fends off opponents to complete a shot
Petzold averaged over 16 points a game. *Logan Phot*

Every Excuse To Win!

Firebird flights during track season, sprints up and down the ice arena, and shivering by the heated pool, ready to dive-they all caused atheltes to rack their brains for EVERY EXCUSE IN THE BOOK.

Students made trips to the water fountain, trying to avoid push-ups. Others visited the trainers, complaining of aches and pains during the first weeks of summer training.

Yet when the season arrived, no player could make excuses for their nervousness. Girls' sports made a comeback by fielding consistent teams. Girls'soccer finished strong with an 11-5-4 record, boasting a team of many sophomores and freshmen. In the *Dayton Daily News* , the girls' basketball team started the season holding their reputation as a top area team with a 9-0 excuseless record.

- ☐ **"I forgot my Walkman, so I could not relax properly."**
- ☐ **"My muscles cramped because of the long bus ride up."**
- ☐ **"It rained earlier and I slid on the muddy field."**
- ☐ **"The finish line was not marked clearly."**
- ☐ **"I thought I had an appointment, and I forgot my uniform."**

WE DID IT! Chris Johnson, Larry McVey, and Eric Benbow celebrate success with Greg Garberson and Jeff Ladd. The Birds defeated Alter in season opener. *Murdock Photo*

Birds regain RESPECT beating Alter

Determined to get their revenge against archrival Alter, the Firebird football team joined together winning their season opener, 8-7. Alter scored first, but the Firebirds came back when quarterback Pat Samanich threw a pass to Jason Isenbarger for a touchdown. Junior back Robert Sloan scored the two-point conversion, which proved the deciding factor.

Senior captain Chris Rau said the Alter game proved his favorite of the year. "The crowd support and the excitement after the game was great." Fans swarmed the playing field after the game's completion and congratulated the players.

Fired up, the Firebirds won their next three games. Playing at Stebbins the Firebirds gained 438 total yards on offense and shut out their first Western Ohio League opponent. Senior Clint Rose caught five Samanich passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns. Fairmont continued their winning streak by defeating Fairborn and West Carrollton.

By crushing Beavercreek Fairmont remained unbeaten in the WOL. The defense held Beavercreek to 90 total yards. "We controlled every aspect of the game," said Firebird head coach Doug Schmidt. Senior captain Mike Quinn said, "The team played the best in the Beavercreek game. If we would have played every game like we played that one we would have been undefeated."

Rose caught five passes for 94 yards; Sloan and junior fullback Greg Hollis combined for 126 rushing yards; and Stephen Shannon returned a punt for a touchdown for the win.

Losses to Springfield North and Centerville wiped out Fairmont's dreams of becoming WOL champions. The Firebirds came back from a 15-0 deficit to pull within four points before halftime in the Homecoming game against North. North maintained a steady ground attack after the first half and hung on for the win despite the Birds comeback.

Coming back from two tough losses Fairmont prevailed in a hard-fought game against WOL opponent, Springfield South. Hollis led the ground attack for Fairmont rushing for 77 yards. Senior kicker Mike Christian booted the extra point that eventually won the game for the Firebirds.

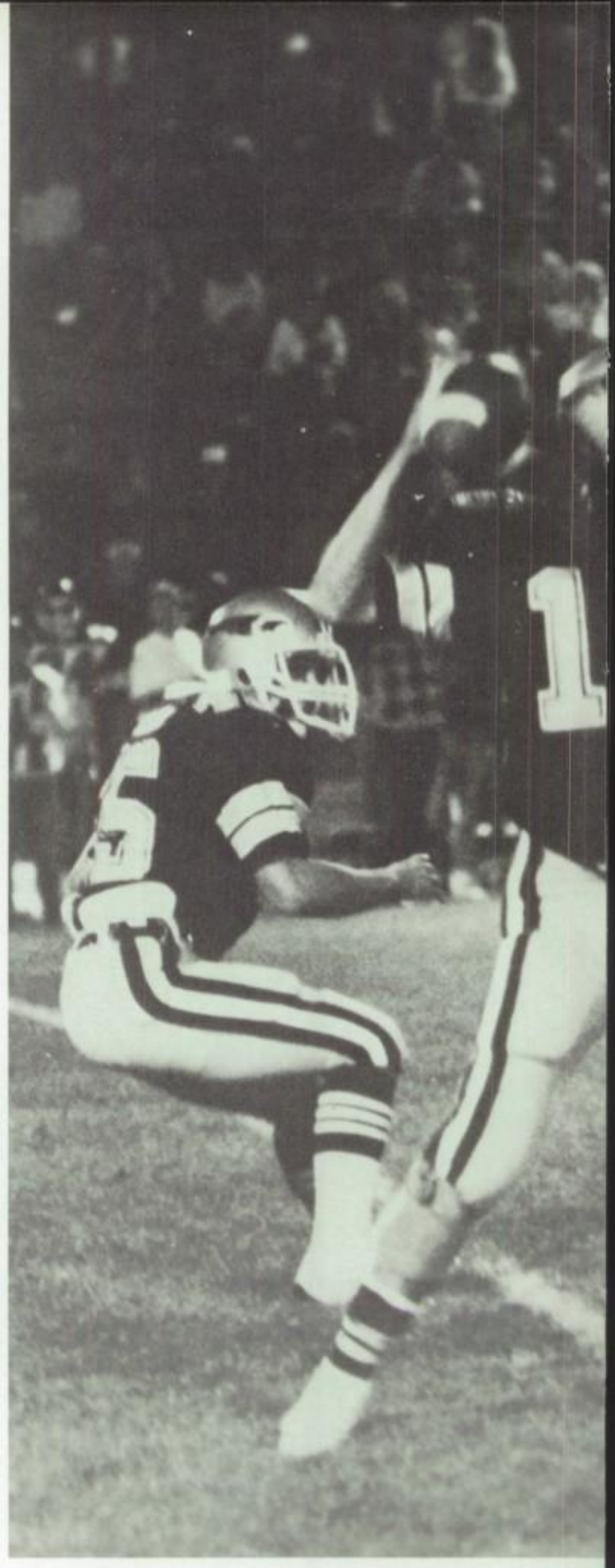
Spirits dropped after a loss to eventual WOL champion Wayne. However, the captains kept the Firebirds pumped for the last game against Xenia.

Junior running back Mike Brayshaw led the Firebird offenseive attack with 122 yards rushing to help post a 21-14 win over the Buccaneers. Fairmont jumped out to a 14-0 lead, but Xenia came back to tie the score at the end of the third quarter. In the final quarter the Birds got the ball and quickly scored. Then they stopped Xenia's final drive to clinch the win.

At the fall sports banquet, Rose received the most-valuable award. Most-improved honors went to Dan Foreman, and Brian Worley received the most-coachable. Samanich won the best-offensive back, and Steve Schoephoerster took best-offensive lineman. The best-defensive back award went to Rau while Greg Garberson won best-defensive lineman.

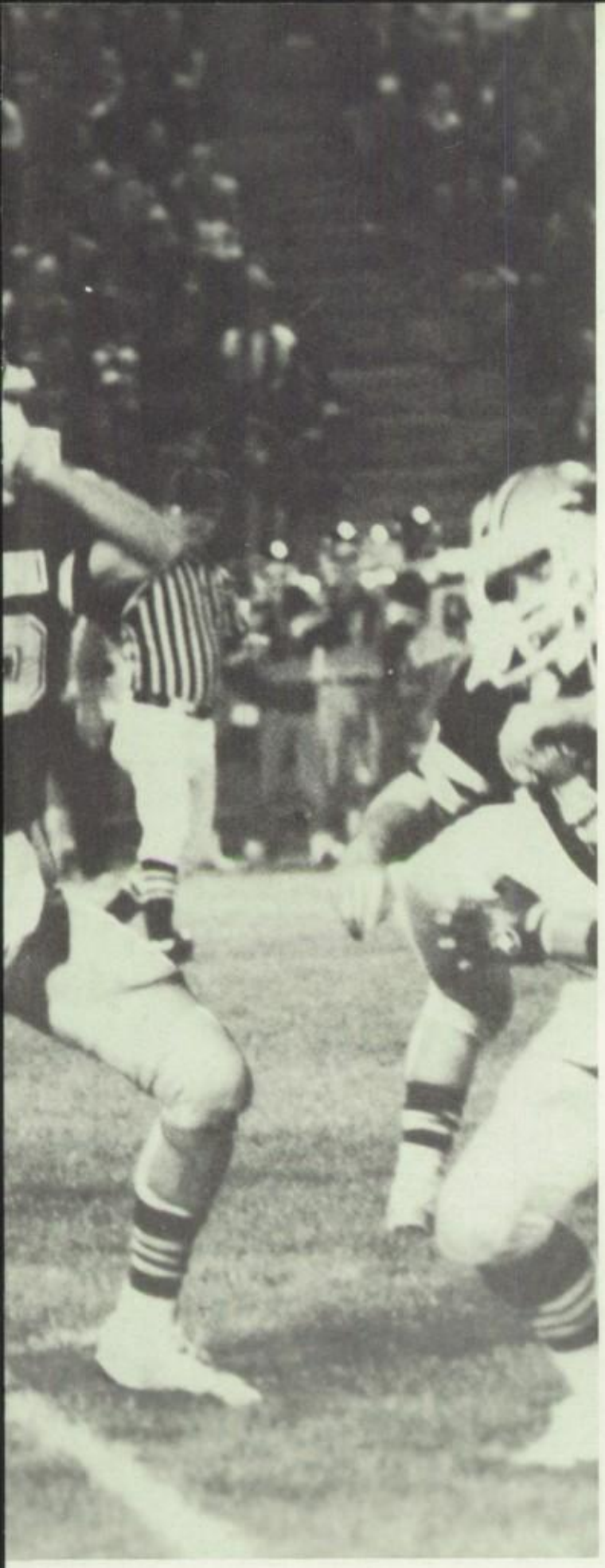
Rose and Schoephoerster made first team all-WOL. Second team all-WOL honors went to Rau, Quinn, Garberson, and Worley. Honorable mentions included Harris, Samanich, Marcus Burns, and Jeff Ladd.

Randy Yoder



SPRINTING for a first down, senior wingback Greg Secrest runs for one of his two touchdowns in Fairmont's 27-3 win over Fairborn. *Logan Photo*

"I felt that the team played great against Fairborn. I'll never forget the game becuase it was the first time I ever scored two touchdowns in a high school game. The offense capitalized on every one of their possessions and only a field goal was allowed by the defense," said Secrest.



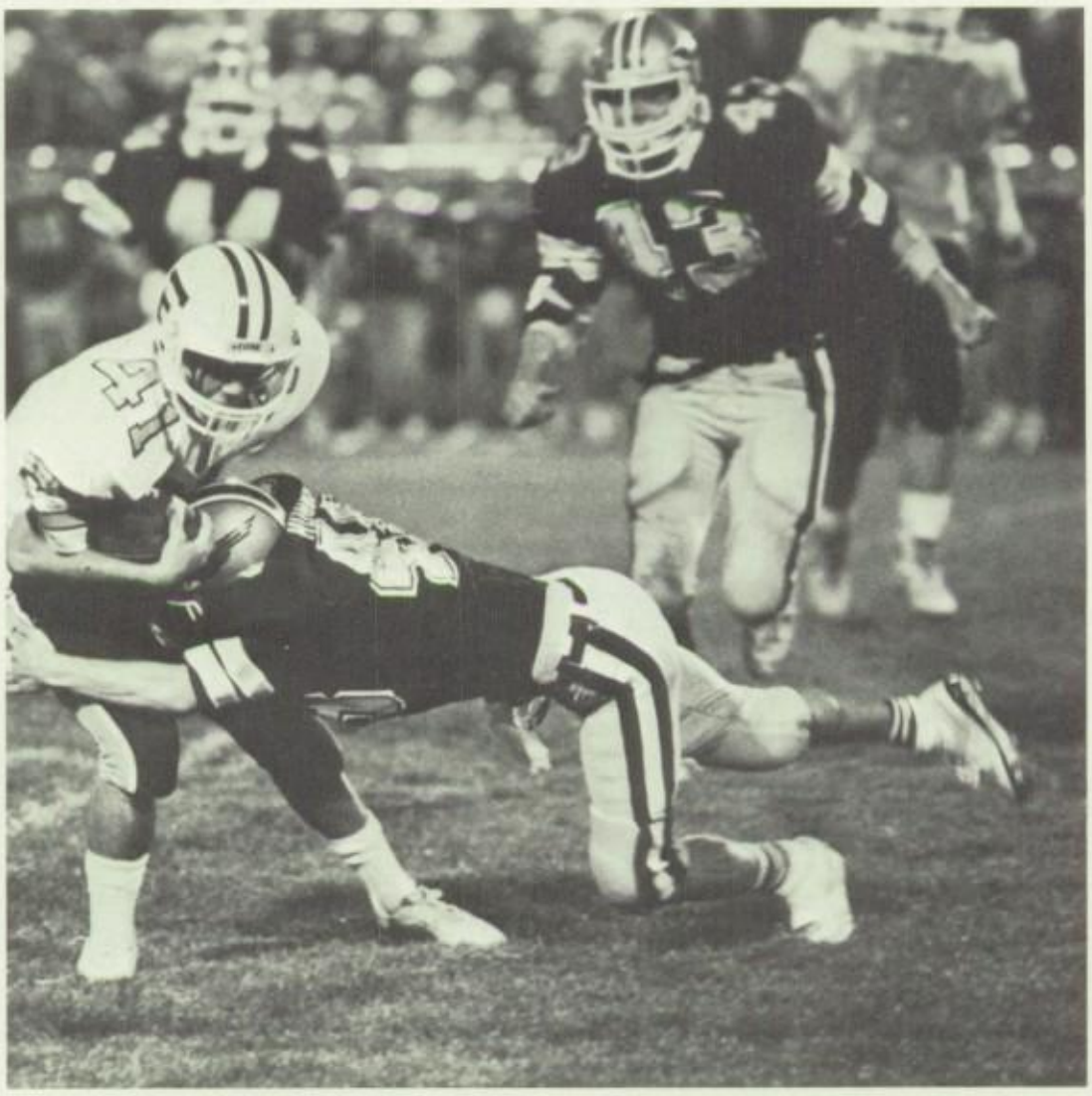
PASS! Spotting an open receiver, junior quarterback Pat Smanich attempts to complete a pass against North during the Homecoming game. *Logan Photo*

Varsity Football

Alter	8	7
Stebbins	37	0
Fairborn	27	3
West Carrollton	30	10
Beavercreek	30	0
Springfield North	13	29
Centerville	0	39
Springfield South	14	13
Wayne	21	36
Xenia	21	14

7-3

IMPACT! Junior Paul Hubbs stops his opponent dead in his tracks during the Skyhawk game. The Firebird defense allowed only three points. *Logan Photo*



WAITING for the snap of the football, teammates Jeff Ladd, Drew Harris, Marcus Burns, and Rick Jackson prepare to initiate blows on the opponents. *Logan Photo*

"Defensively, our team played consistently. We exemplified the league's finest defense by dominating the Beavercreek game. Also, our defense held Xenia, who had defeated the defending state champs earlier in the season," said Firebird head coach Doug Schmidt.

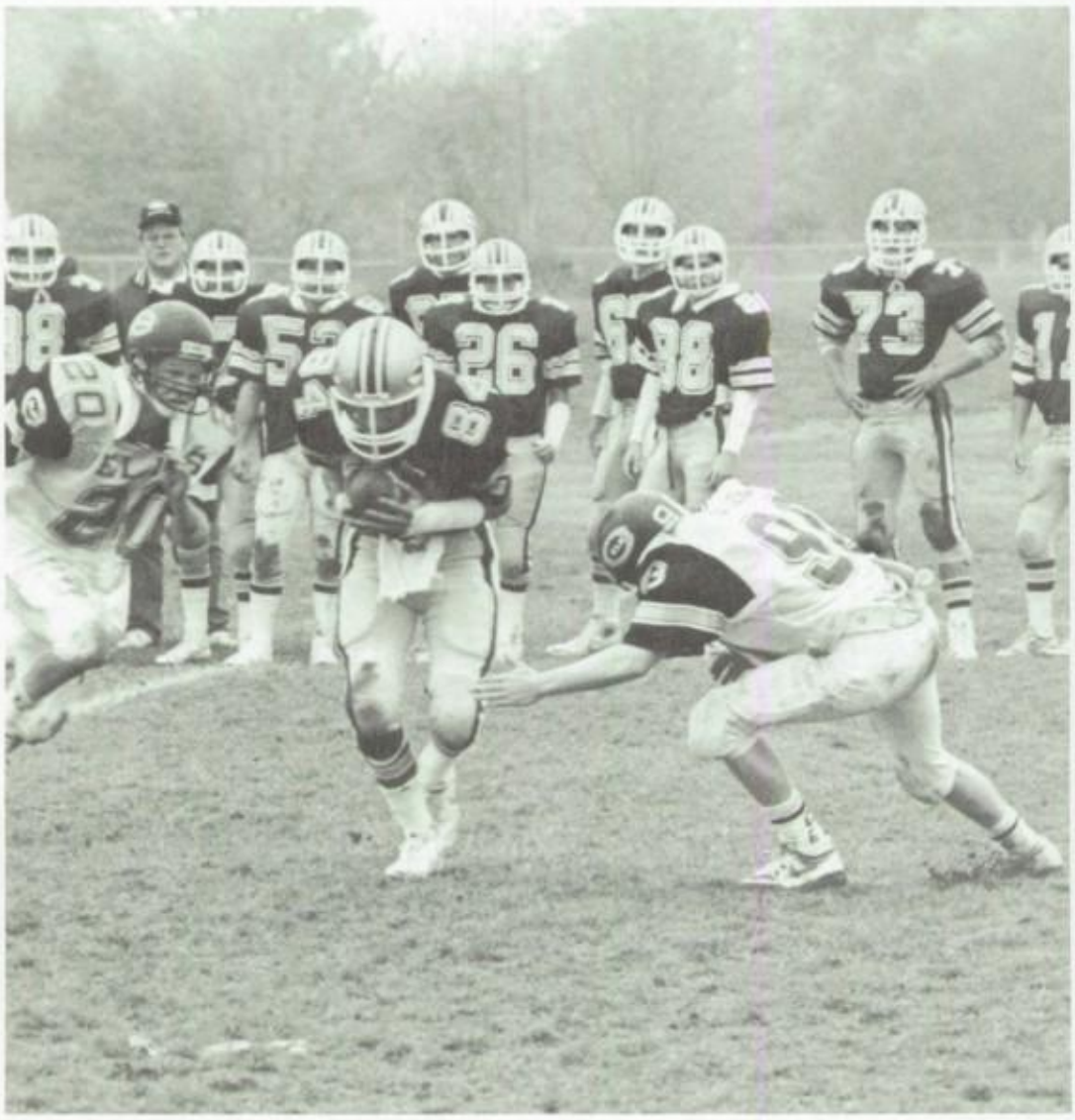
DODGE EM! Moving down the field, sophomore running back Rod Moore makes a move toward the sidelines to escape from a would-be tackler. *Logan Photo*

Reserve Football

Stebbins	26	0
Meadowdale	25	0
West Carrollton	8	0
Beavercreek	31	6
Springfield North	13	6
Centerville	6	20
Springfield South	34	14
Wayne	27	33

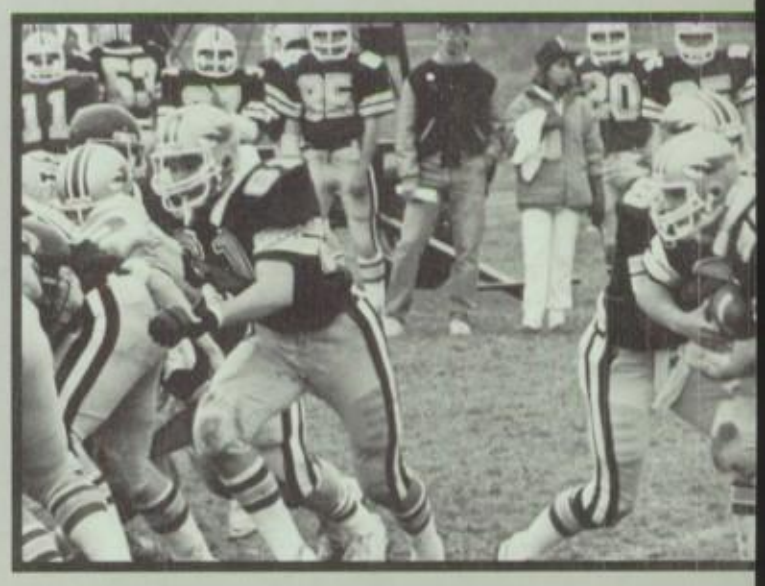
6-2

HANG ON! Clutching the ball as the crowd looks on, sophomore tight-end Matt Creager prepares himself for a crushing blow from two defenders. *Logan Photo*



ACCELERATE! Dashing past his opponents, sophomore tailback Rod Moore tries to turn the corner and sprint for the end zone during the Centerville game. *Logan Photo*

Great moves like this one helped Rod Moore to become the leading rusher for the JV's. Moore attributed his fine running skills to excellent coaching. "The coaches really helped me this year with my techniques as a runner even though I was only a sophomore," he said.



Consistent DEFENSE guides season

"We hadn't lost until we played Centerville. We were beginning to think that we could not lose. This loss brought us back down to earth and seemed to unify the team," said junior Brad Scott. "It encouraged us to work even harder," he said. "We did not want to have that losing feeling again."

Like a ball of fire, Fairmont's junior varsity started off their season by overpowering their initial five opponents in addition to holding the first three contenders scoreless. Smashing defense and a solid offense played an important role in the success of the reserve football team throughout the entire 1987 season.

Another notable factor in accomplishing a winning season for the football squad resulted from the unification the team acquired during the long practices. "We built respect for each other during our practices together," said junior Rod Moore. He continued, "We sure learned a lot from each other while practicing together."

"We needed a leader, someone to get us fired up before the game, and he just naturally took over," said Brad Scott, in reference to linebacker Kevin Hartley. Scott said Hartley became influential in getting the team ready to go. Jim Heikes also played an instrumental role in preparing the team to go off to the gridiron.

Fairmont experienced two disappointing games during its season. The first came in a loss to arch rival Centerville. "Losing to those guys deflated the team. The game was so close, but it was not our day," said Rod Moore. The loss to Centerville certainly proved devastating but it could not compare to the loss to Wayne.

At Wayne the game remained close from beginning to end. Wayne managed to capture the lead with only three minutes left in the fourth quarter. Enough time remained for the Firebirds to pull off a last second victory. Unfortunately the Birds could not capitalize. The game ended when Wayne picked off a pass thrown from quarterback Steve Fredrick to Ted Tepelides.

This interception proved controversial because of pass interference which the officials did not call. "I was in the air to make the reception when I was blasted out of the way by the defender," said receiver Tepelides, "but you can not blame the game on the officials; we should have never been in the position we were in."

According to Scott and Tepelides the major highlight of the junior varsity season came when they beat Springfield North. "This was an especially good victory for us because it was our homecoming game. We were discouraged about the varsity loss the evening before. The team played extremely well, it was our best game," said Tepelides.

Fairmont won all of its remaining games after the loss to Wayne. They finished 6-2 on the year to clinch second place in the Western Ohio League junior varsity standings. This gave them the third best finish in Fairmont's JV history.

Drew Harris

HAND OFF! Receiving the ball from quarterback Steve Frederick, sophomore running back Dave Price waits for the line to create a hole in the defense. *Logan Photo*

Reserves offnesive line played an important part in the success of the past season. Offensive guard Zack Stroble proved instrumental in the victories attained by the JV squad. "Zack was an excellent blocker for us during the big games through the season," said Dave Price.

Hockey enters STATE with Jill loss

Once again, the varsity field hockey team played their way into the state championship. The team played a hard-fought first round game, but lost to the strong team from the Columbus School For Girls 2-0. "I felt the girls worked extremely hard together and deserved the chance of winning state," said Firebird coach Karen Emery.

Highlights of the hockey season included two victories over Oakwood. On September 24, the girls traveled to Oakwood to defeat the Lumberjacks 4-0. Later during the season, the Lumberjacks tried to avenge the loss, but the Firebirds defeated Oakwood 3-1. Many team members felt they came together and played as one in the second match-up with Oakwood.

First year coach Karen Emery applied for the head coach position at Ohio State, but the turn down brought her to Fairmont. Emery commented, "I knew it was fate for me to coach the Firebirds as Ohio State didn't respond."

Beginning the season with the a new coach and having lost seven starters, the team had much rebuilding to do. Captain Dawnette Laycox states, "Since we lost our coach, I was not going to play; but peer pressure made me try out." Later, Laycox realized "Coach was super nice." Emery organized her team into the best and ended the season with a 12 win record.

Many injures plagued the hockey team throughout the season. Senior starter, Michelle Howe, twisted her knee and repeatedly hurt her ankles. In order to play, Howe had to always wear a brace on her knee. Sophomore Christine Stafford twisted her knee in the first game of the season with Indian Hills. This injury kept Stafford out for the remainer of the year.

In traveling to Louisville, Kentucky, the girls suffered two of the five season losses to Louisville Collegiate and Sacred Heart. Other losses came at the hands of Kent Roosevelt, Hudson, and to the Columbus School for Girls during the state playoffs.

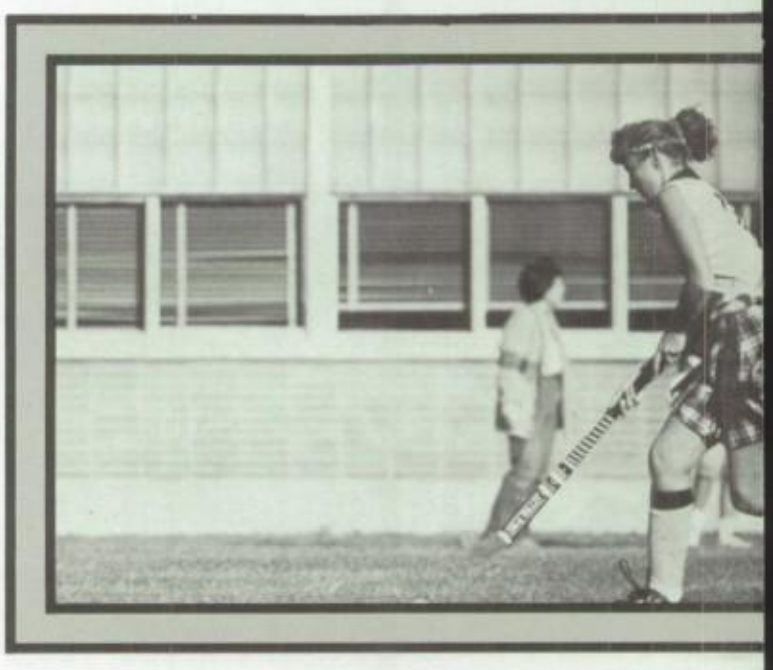
This year, Fairmont again fielded three hockey teams. All teams did well throughout the season. Reserve, junior varsity, and varsity boasted winning season records.

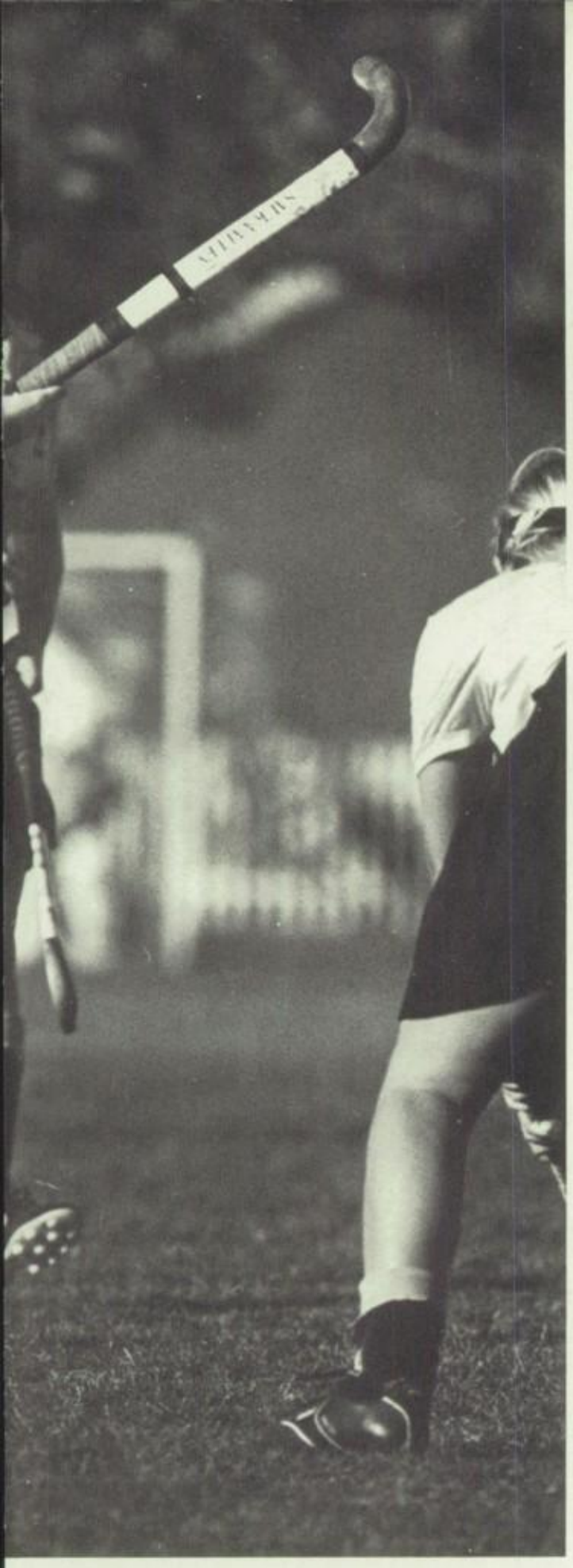
Junior varsity hockey played an excellent season. Liz Crow coached her Firebirds to an 11 win season. The JV team also beat arch rivals, the Oakwood Lumberjacks. "Beating Oakwood was the best because we psyched ourselves up for it," commented sophomore player Heather Swafford.

In November the Firebird hockey team held their annual awards banquet. Senior Anne Marie Ackerman, a four-year player, recieved the most-valuable player award. In reaction to her award, Ackerman remarked, "I was completely shocked because I wasn't expecting it." Michelle Howe received the most-improved honor.

In summing up the successful 1987 field hockey season, Howe said, "It was a lot of fun. Certain games everything clicked and sometimes it didn't."

Maggy Williams





ACTION! Keeping the ball from the defense, Robin Supensky takes aim in the first home game, a 4-0 win. *Logan Photo*

SPIRIT! Before a game, JV players Amy Lehman and Kim Hatcher help in spelling out FAIRMONT. The JV's finished a victorious season. *Logan Photo*

Varsity Field Hockey

Indian Hill	4	0
Talawanda	4	0
Worthington	2	2
Kent-Roosevelt	1	2
Oakwood	4	0
Bexley	4	1
Hudson	0	1
Indian Hill	2	0
Grandview	8	0
Summit Country Day	6	0
Oakwood	3	1
Louisville Collegiate	0	1
Sacred Heart	1	3
Talawanda	1	0
Tournament		
Talawanda	6	0
Oakwood	1	0
Summit Country Day	2	0
Columbus School for Girls	0	2

12-5-1

JV Field Hockey

Indian Hill	6	0
Talawanda	1	0
Worthington	2	0
Kent Roosevelt	3	1
Oakwood	0	0
Bexley	4	0
Hudson	3	0
Indian Hill	5	0
Grandview	4	0
Oakwood	3	0
Louisville-Collegiate	2	0
Sacred Heart	2	2
Talawanda	5	0

11-0-2

Reserve

Talawanda	1	0
St. Gertrude	1	0
Talawanda	4	0
St. Gertrude	3	0

4-0

DOWN THE FIELD! Anne Marie Ackerman takes the ball towards the goal. Ackerman ended the season with an Ohio All-Star nomination. *Logan Photo*

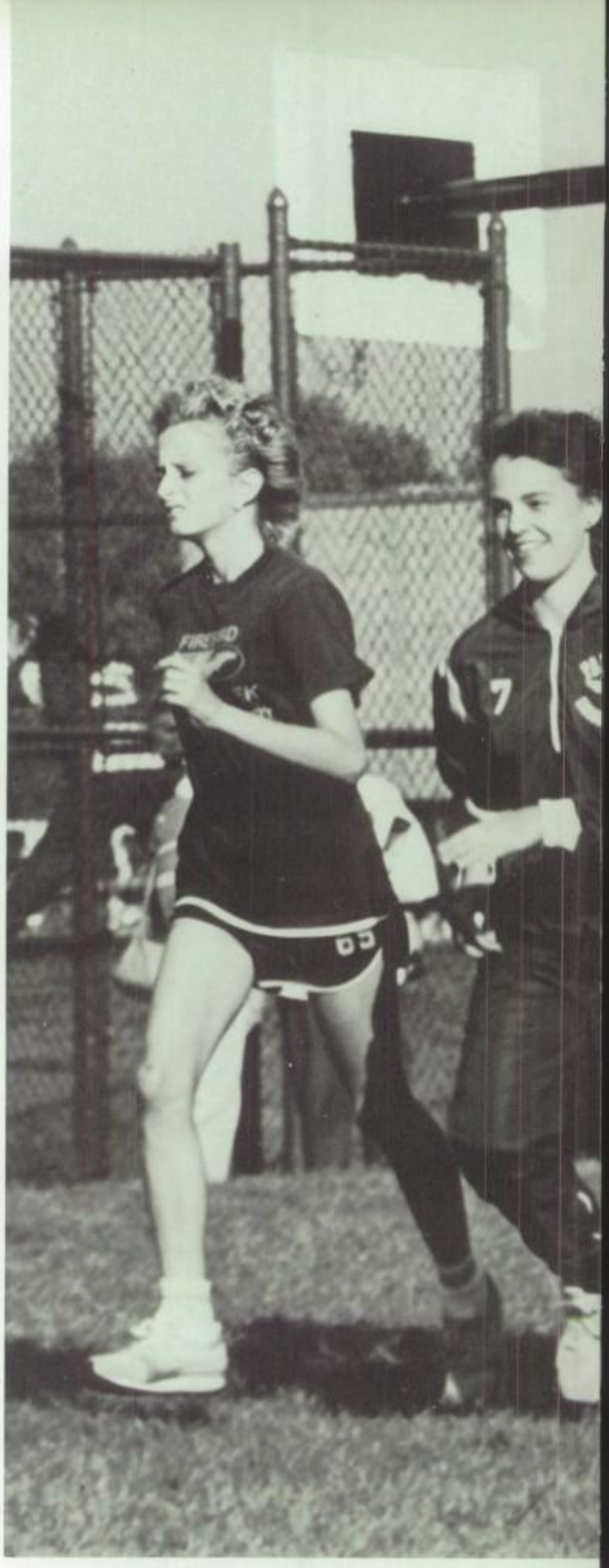
"Although Oakwood's coach always thought they dominated the game, we always outscored them, out-played them, and out-hustled them. We showed Oakwood that we were the dominant team; we made it clear we were superior by beating them three times."

QUICKNESS! Dodging opponents in the Oakwood game, Dawnette Laycox outplays them to set up a goal. A tournament win over Oakwood sent hockey to state. *Logan Photo*

"Even though I didn't get too much action in some of the games, against Oakwood in the first game, I felt confident about how the team played. I always knew my teammates were supporting me from behind as well as in front. I also felt a great honor to be able to play in the All-Star game."

PUSH IT! With the encouragement of teammate Dave Klosterman, Tim Doyle uses his last ounce of strength to finish his final mile. *Logan Photo*

GET PSYCHED! Sophomore runners Cathy Jones, Jennifer Hill, Fay Howland and Beth Philips unite together in warm-ups helping them to finish second. *Logan Photo*



Boys' Cross Country

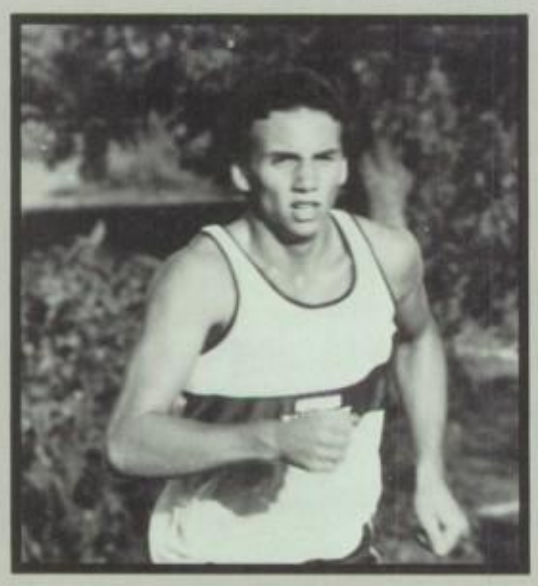
Greenville Invitational-Third
WOL Quin #1-First
Roger Bacon Invitational-Fourth
Newark Invitational-Eleventh
WOL Quin #2-Third
Brookville Invitational-Fourth
Firebird Invitational-Fifth
Chaminade-Julienne 15 40
WOL-First
District-First

Reserves

Greenville Invitational-Fourth
Troy Invitational-Fourth
Brookville Invitational-Eighth
Firebird Invitational-Sixth
WOL-Fourth
John Bryan Invitational-Eleventh

Girls' Cross Country

Greenville Invitational —
WOL Quin #1-Second
Roger Bacon Invitational-Third
Newark Invitational-Sixth
WOL Quin #2-Second
Brookville Invitational-Fifth
Firebird Invitational-Seventh
Chaminade-Julienne 15 40
WOL-Third
District-Second



LOOKING AHEAD. With the finish line in sight, senior runner Joe Weinel kicks in a final sprint. This finish secured a place in state for him. *Logan Photo*

State qualifier Weinel remarked about his feelings while running: "I just concentrate on the person in front of me. I try not to worry about my time. I want to keep my pace and my wits about me. I try to keep my mind off how I tired I really am."

Runners prove STRENGTH winning WOL

Cross country's winning season started early in the summer. The activities planned, such as trips to Hueston Woods, John Bryan Park, and Caesar's Creek, helped begin the excellent conditioning of the team and united them into a family unit. Immediately upon stepping off the bus, the runners ran for eight miles, then stopped for a picnic and fun activities.

Coach Neal Charske, Coach Scott Counts, and Coach Bob Karl played major roles in the success of the team. This marked Coach Charske's twenty-fifth year of coaching. The team honored him for this with a celebration at the alumni race the cross country team sponsored annually. This race contained incredible competition between last year's graduates especially.

When commenting about the season, Coach Charske summed it up in one word, "Great!" He felt the team responded to his demamds postively and everyone worked well together. Coach Counts stated, "Both teams were very cohesive. They learned early in the season that if they didn't work together as a team — they weren't a team." He went on to later say, "We are family."

Tim Doyle, voted most-improved, commented positively on Coach Charske's sometimes tough demands. "He's probably one of the winningest coaches around." Joe Weinel agreed with Doyle and added, "The coaches did a really good job all year." All of the team agreed that they had an excellent coaching staff.

Seniors played a vital role in keeping the team's spirit high. Coach Counts easily picked three sources of the team's spirited morale. Weinel, Doyle, and captain Dave Klosterman helped unite the team. Said Coach Counts, "They all kept the teams going with their positive attitudes that affected everyone."

Winning the WOL highlighted the boys' team's season. Darrin Bushong commented, "The team pulled together as a family to win the big meets like regionals and districts." For the girls, placing third in the WOL excited them. The girls' team, comprised of mostly sophomores, worked diligently to obtain that status.

Joe Weinel ran for his first time on the cross country team. When asked why he never ran before his senior year, he replied, "I never thought I could run distances because I was always a sprinter in track until my junior year." Making it to state "was the best thing that ever happened to me," stated an ecstatic Weinel.

Special awards presented by the coaches at the banquet surprised no one. The team agreed that the recipiants of most-valuable and most-improved deserved the awards. Joe Weinel received most-valuable for the boys and Tim Doyle received most-improved for his positive attitude and his willingness to work. Two girls received most-valuable, Cathy Jones and Tracy Stein.

Tina Lindquist

HUDDLE UP. Coach Bob Karl hands out valuable advice to the team on their running tactics. These lectures became a ritual before every meet. *Logan Photo*

Coach Karl preaches to the boys before their District meet. "Don't fall down," he joked. But on the serious side, he usually told them, "Don't worry about your time, just try to place." This team placed well in the meet and with Karl's advice they consistantly did well.

Lady Birds CAPTURE records in '87'

"It was my most enjoyable year of coaching soccer," said varsity coach Dennis Priser. The team set records for Fairmont including the most shutouts, fewest goals, and a tie for the fewest defeats.

As a result of extraordinary efforts and excellent attitudes displayed by everyone, the girls had a good season. "The ladies were extremely positive and cooperative. The team never gave up in a game, they always showed determination to work to their highest potential," said Coach Priser.

Highpoints prevailed throughout the season, but co-captains Elizabeth Columbus and Kathy Huelsman both agreed that beating Lakota, Cincinnati's top-rated team, stood out as their sweetest victory. A tough Wayne game also turned into a game to remember when the team came from behind to tie Wayne late in the game.

While Columbus and Huelsman, along with the other seniors, demonstrated outstanding leadership; the sophomores took pride in leading team spirit. Huelsman stated that everyone got along extremely well and it showed during games. The coaches and teammates together maintained an excellent attitude towards each other, which created a successful season.

Kettering junior high's freshman Robyn Kiester joined Fairmont's varsity team. She felt that her extra year of experience provided an excellent advantage for her senior year. She commented that, "It was great to play my first game in the stadium as freshman and to score the first goal of the year."

Sports banquets honored special players. The teammates and coaches voted Huelsman as the most-valuable player and then voted Angie Butchko as most-improved.

Coaches John Gonzales and Jeff Dillon led the junior varsity team. Coach Gonzales expressed his feelings with enthusiasm, "I know that Coach Dillon and I were very proud to be associated with such a fine group of girls. The season was one of the best a coach could ever have, not only because we won, but more importantly, we had fun!"

Junior varsity defeated Centerville and proclaimed "It was great!" The girls prepared for the game and it showed with the first defeat in history of the Elks by the junior varsity team.

"Team accomplishments flourished as a result of total team effort and total team spirit. Standouts anchoring the diamond defense included Jill Mlinac, Laura Rakay, and Paige Riegel. Steady midfielders included Melissa Frey and Ann Kalthoff as Tiffany Otto and Van Buren's Mindy Damstra delivered a strong scoring punch.

Joannie Valassiades

ON HER TOES! Robyn Keister gains control of the ball. Her sprint toward the goal resulted in one of the two goals she scored in the game. *Logan Photo*

"It was my first time ever playing wing. I had never played it before. I wasn't as aggressive as I should have been. I tried to improve in that area. I learned and experienced a lot. I now know what to expect in the future," said Robyn Keister, freshman.

PSYCH! Using her fancy footwork, co-captain Kathy Huelsman outwits her Centerville opponents; however, the Elks stole the win. *Logan Photo*

CONCENTRATION and control prove successful as sophomore Tracy Bornemann overtakes her opponent. Fairmont overwhelmed Xenia with a 4-0 victory. *Logan Photo*

Girls'Soccer

Varsity

Milton Union	2	0
Greeneview	4	0
Lemon-Monroe	5	0
Piqua	5	1
Stebbins	5	1
Fairborn	1	0
Springfield North	18	0
Beavercreek	2	2
Trotwood-Madison	2	1
West Carrollton	1	4
Centerville	0	5
Vandalia-Butler	2	0
Alter	1	2
Wayne	1	1
Xenia	4	0
Greenon	2	3
Lakota	2	2
Carroll	1	1
Tournament		
Miamisburg	3	0
Carroll	1	3

11-5-4

Reserves

Franklin	6	0
Carlisle	1	0
Oakwood	1	0
Chaminade-Julienne	3	0
Fairborn	1	0
Carroll	1	1
Beavercreek	1	0
West Carrollton	2	0
Centerville	2	1
Vandalia-Butler	3	1
Alter	1	4
Wayne	1	0
Xenia	10	0
Greenon	8	0
Lakota	1	3

11-2-2

YOU'VE GOT STYLE! Displaying her skills , junior varsity player Melissa Frey overwhelms an opposing Centerville Elk. *Murdock Photo*

"I'm very proud of both our teams-varsity and JV. They both had their best season ever in Fairmont's history. The entire team had to learn a new defense which took time and work. But our record displays that it paid off." said JV player Melissa Frey who had four goals.

MINE! Slipping through a hole in the Wilmington defense, sophomore Chad Reese controls the ball. The Firebirds destroyed their opponents, 6-0. *Logan Photo*

TAKE OFF! Evasivley dodging a defensive Greeneview player, tri-captain Chris Wones manages to dribble downfield and score a goal for the Firebirds. *Logan Photo*

Boys' Soccer

Reserves

Lebanon	0	2
Carroll	1	3
Lemon-Monroe	2	1
Wilmington	6	0
Yellow Springs	3	0
Stebbins	5	0
Fairborn	1	2
Springfield North	3	1
Beavercreek	0	3
West Carrollton	0	3
Centerville	0	5
Franklin	4	0
Xenia	1	0
Dayton Christian	3	1
Alter	0	1
Vandalia-Butler	2	0
Miamisburg	0	0

7-9-1

Varsity

Lebanon	3	0
Milton-Union	5	0
Lemon-Monroe	4	5
Yellow Springs	4	1
Stebbins	10	1
Fairborn	2	2
Wilmington	5	0
Springfield North	4	2
Beavercreek	0	5
West Carrollton	2	2
Centerville	0	5
Dayton-Christian	1	6
Wayne	0	4
Greeneview	4	4
Xenia	0	3
Alter	0	4
Carroll	1	2
Miamisburg	3	1
Tournament		
Centerville	1	3

7-8-3

GAINING CONTROL! Skillfully handling the ball, junior Bill Kennedy sprints down the field toward Fairborn's goal cage in attempt to score. *Logan Photo*

"With soccer I can release my everyday frustrations which stem from demanding schoolwork," said Bill Kennedy. There arose plenty of opportunities to release tensions in this hard-fought game. Both teams came into the match with exceptional records, and ended in a tie.

MEDITATION! Stretching before the Milton-Union game, seniors Chris Griffin and Donny Roepken take time to mentally prepare themselves for the match. *Logan Photo*

"Mind over muscle was the key to succes," remarked Griffin. Team members spent valuable pregame moments limbering up and getting psyched for the game ahead. As Roepken explained, "Stretching all together led the team to better field performance."

Soccer plays TOUGH through fall

Fairmont's varsity boys' soccer began their season undefeated in the first eight games. They hit a rough spot in the middle of the season and ended their season with a record of 7-8-3.

"I was disappointed in our overall record, but gratified that the team came back together at the end of the season," stated the varsity coach, Mark Grube.

Team members felt that the Centerville tournament game signified both their best game and their most devastating loss. Tri-captain Donny Roepken summed up this general attitude saying, "We outplayed the Elks but we lost." "It was one of the best games we ever played," senior Tom Rau pointed out. Tri-captain Chris Griffin agreed with him, stating, "We really came together as a team."

When asked how much of his time soccer took up, Steve Ruetschle replied, "Too much." Most team members found the practices demanding and time consuming. "It took up most of my free time, but for the most part, it was worth it," declared senior Sean Nix.

Despite the hard work and their imperfect record, the players managed to have fun, too. When asked about his favorite aspect of playing on the team, Nix replied, "The new friends and relationships that I gained by playing soccer." Griffin felt that one of the best parts included going to our stadium and seeing our fans there to support the team.

Junior varsity soccer got off to a rather slow start, but overcame many obstacles to have a good season. As Coach Brian Piatt stated, "At the start of the season they acted like a bunch of sissies and complainers, but by the end of the year they changed into a bunch of hard-nosed, never say die players."

Junior varsity's most devastating loss occurred against Centerville. "We played terrible and we lost," said Piatt. The best games included Lemon-Monroe which they won with a penalty kick during the last eight seconds, and also the Dayton Christian game because they won despite being considered the underdogs of that contest.

Junior varsity soccer had an enjoyable season. Sophomore player Brian Oliver felt that the team as a whole "had a lot of fun during the season, especially after we'd won a game." For sophomore Scott Mereness, most of the good times stemmed from "being on a team with a coach like Mr. Piatt."

Team members got along well together and gradually played better as the season moved along. "They learned that only when they played together as a unit would they come out successfully and win, but when they started playing as individuals they would lose," summarized Piatt. They ended the season with a record of 7 — 9 — 1.

Individual honors included: All WOL honorable mention and All-Dayton South honorable mention, Mike Christian and Chris Wones; most-improved player, Tom Rau; most-valuable player, First team All WOL and All-Dayton South, Donny Roepken. Roepken also had 21 goals for the season.

Ann Marshall

Girls possess SPIRIT on court

During the girls' volleyball season, the girls tried their hardest but ended with a 6-13 record. "We did not have a winning record, but we had a lot of fun," said sophomore Becky Fulmer.

"This had not been the best year for us, but it was a good year of rebuilding," remarked Coach George Echko, "and next year will be a better season." This became Coach Echko's first season.

Lady Firebirds received for the season a new coach. "Mr. Echko was different, he was lenient, but then he would yell at us when we did not work hard enough, but at the end of the season things got better," said junior Jill Mahle.

"He was well organized and knew what he was doing," said captain Tina Mercuri. She went on to say "He wasn't the kind of coach we were used to."

By the end the team had come a long way. "The team improved during the season and became tough to beat by the end of the volleyball season," remarked Coach Echko. "We worked well with each other as a group, sophomores Becky Fulmer and Jenni Martin helped out a lot," remarked Mercuri.

"Beating Lakota" proved the best highlight of the season for the new coach "because they were the best team in the league." Beating they did, with a 2-1 over Lakota. Captain Mercuri's personal highlight became making the All-Star team for the Western Ohio League.

Sophomore Becky Fulmer remarked that her most disappointing moment of the year came in losing the last game to Springboro "because it was the last time we would all play together as a team." Fulmer played varsity and junior varsity.

Junior varsity won 2 of 14 games. "We beat Centerville, that was the highlight of the season," remarked sophomore captain Laurie Brown. Junior varsity had two main highlight games against Centerville and Springfield South.

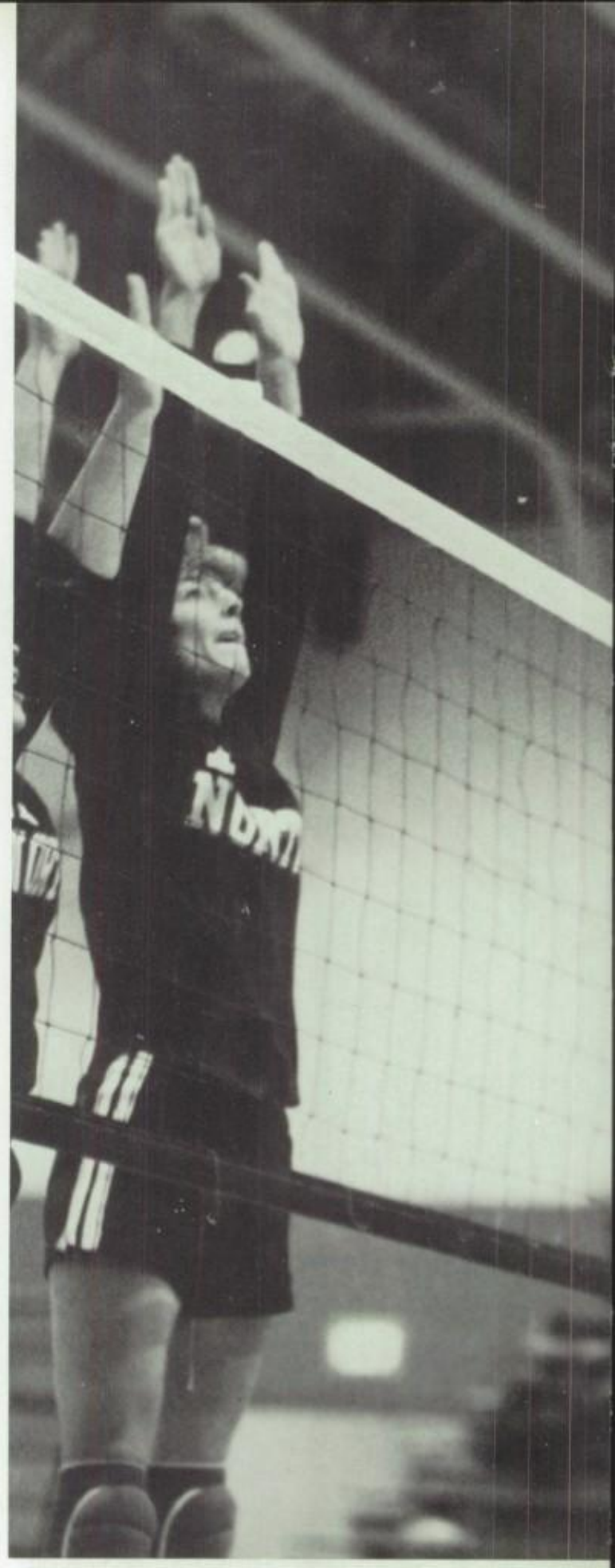
Lady Firebirds had their share of disappointments this season. One major disappointment came with the injury of senior Heather Newman. The injury kept Newman from finishing the season and sent her into surgery.

Newman's injury occurred during the Troy tournament. Newman went to spike a ball across the net and her knee gave out. She fell to the floor in a fit of pain. Newman's injury didn't keep her from receiving her two-year award for volleyball.

Firebirds' most-improved went to senior Missy Harrod and most-valuable went to captain Mercuri. Another event of the season came with a sixth place finish in the WOL.

Throughout the season, the girls showed hard work and high spirits. "Everyone was psyched, and we are going to be the best next year," remarked sophomore captain Susie Simmons.

Anthony Grable



RELIEF! After hitting the ball to the setter, junior Dawn Hagens catches herself just in time to see a well-made spike from a teammate. *Logan Photo*

"The game was against North. The ball was spiked down line to me and I made a pass up to the setter. The setter made the set to the frontlineman who spiked another point for Fairmont." said middle-blocker Hagens.

SPIKE! As two Springfield North opponents try to block, varsity player Becky Fulmer spikes a victorious point. The Firebirds won 2-1. *Logan Photo*

BUMP, SET, DINK! Fellow teammate Lori Brown watches for the need of help as Becky Fulmer prepares the ball for the set. They lost 0-2. *Logan Photo*

Varsity Volleyball

Patterson	2	1
Wilmington	0	2
Springfield South	2	1
West Carrollton	0	2
Middletown	2	0
Wayne	0	2
Fairborn	0	2
Centerville	0	2
Chaminade-Julienne	0	2
Troy	0	2
Carroll	0	2
Beavercreek	2	1
Stebbins	0	2
Alter	1	2
Oakwood	0	2
Springfield North	2	1
Xenia	1	2
Lakota	2	0
Springboro	1	2

6-13

Reserve Volleyball

Wilmington	0	2
Springfield South	2	0
West Carrollton	1	2
Middletown	0	2
Wayne	0	2
Fairborn	0	2
Centerville	2	0
Chaminade-Julienne	0	2
Beavercreek	0	2
Stebbins	1	2
Alter	0	2
Oakwood	1	2
Springfield North	0	2
Xenia	0	2
Lakota	0	2
Springboro	0	2

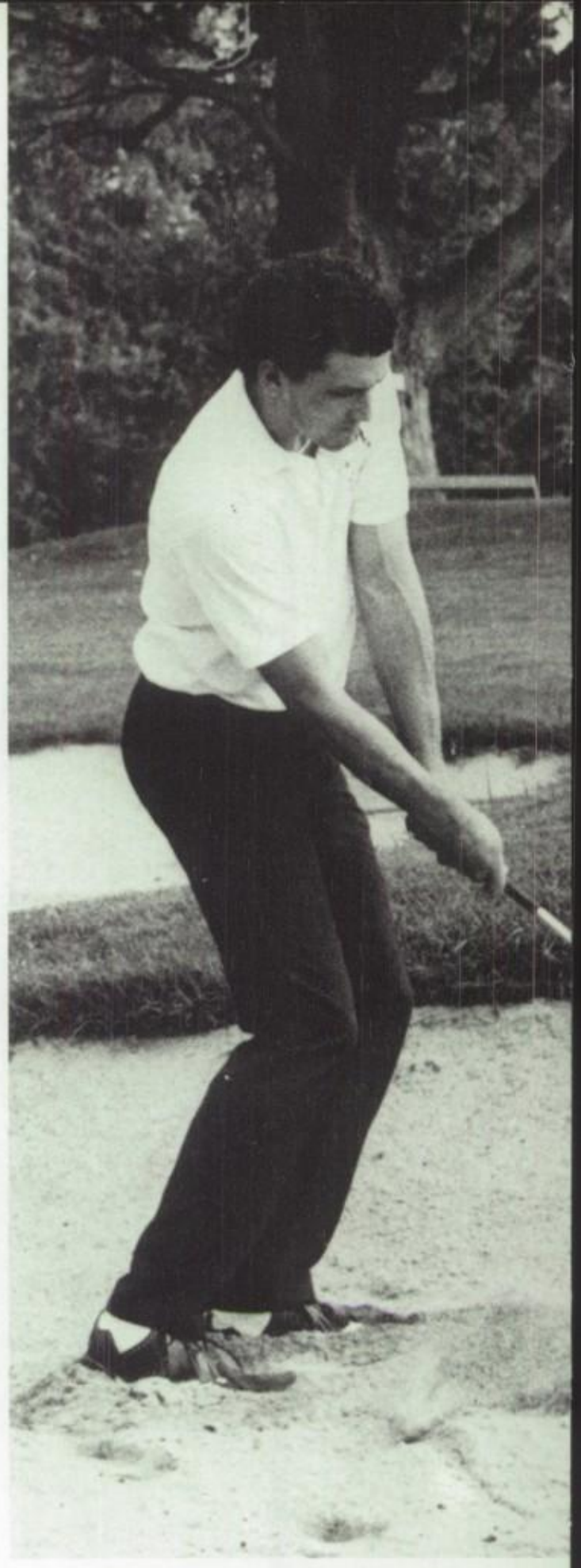
2-14

JUMP! Teammate Heather Windle watches as sophomore Jenni Martin goes for a spike against her opponent. They lost to Wayne. *Logan Photo*

"It was a well-set ball from sophomore Jenny Montgomery and I was going for a spike against Wayne. Fairmont was down and my teammates and I were giving it our all," commented sophomore middle-blocker Jenni Martin.

LINING IT UP! While concentrating on the ball, senior Rob Polvino, checks the scene before he attempts to putt during the Centerville match. *Mallory Photo*

WHAT FORM! Demonstrating his skill, senior Charlie Petzold, strokes the ball for a sand save. This helped the Firebirds in their win over Xenia. *mallory Photo*



Varsity Golf

Centerville A	333	327
Centerville B	352	348
Troy	165	155
Wayne	170	173
Stebbins	157	198
Xenia	172	179
Springfield North	169	175
Fairborn	171	161
West Carrollton	161	175
Centerville A	163	165
Centerville B	201	185
Centerville B	185	179
Beavercreek	168	199
Springfield South	175	195
Quad Match		
Alter	175	176
Vandalia	175	160
West Liberty Salem	175	172

Troy Invitational-Fourth
Fairmont Invitational-Second & Eighth
Princeton Invitational-Fourteenth
WOL-Fifth
Sectionals-Sixth

14-9

Reserve Golf

West Carrollton	169	198
Troy	179	169
Beavercreek	168	179
Vandalia-Butler	164	164
Northmont	181	181
Centerville B	184	187
Fairborn	198	188
Centerville A	181	174
Oakwood	174	221
Northridge	187	195
Vandalia-Butler	184	172
Centerville A	188	193
Oakwood	192	238
Green Hills	178	183
Centerville B	192	199

Centerville Invitational-First

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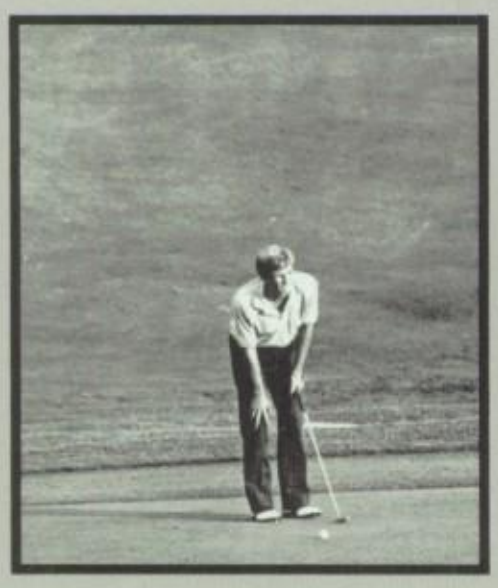


CHECKING THE GREEN! With determination senior Skip Snow looks in the direction of the hole before his attempt to putt the ball. *Mallory Photo*

"Golf was different from other sports because the mental aspect is more important than the physical aspect," said Skip Snow. "In fact, you can't take the game too seriously. It's frustrating if you do," he added, "but it's still my favorite sport."

Win over Elks

SWINGS

team together

"We did not do too bad overall and we beat the Elks which really got us going," stated senior golfer Chad Kemper. "Centerville had not lost a match in almost five years plus their defeat occurred on their home course," he continued.

Getting off to a slow start, the team lost their first three golf matches. But the varsity quickly bounced back to beat the next four competitors, with an exciting game against Wayne. Both Randy Yoder and Chad Kemper combined their two scores helping in the win over the Warriors.

For the varsity golfers, the big highlight of the season came about when Rob Polvino, the anchor, came off the eighteenth hole at Sugar Valley Country Club with a match-saving 39 to conquer Centerville. The Elks appeared a tough team, but the Firebirds pulled together to capture the win.

For the first time, Fairmont had its very own golf invitational at the local NCR Country Club. For this big event the school hosted twelve teams and finished second losing only to Wilmington, a team that later advanced into the state tournament.

Soon after this invitational, the Western Ohio League tournament came. The boys agreed on feeling really ready for the match as they went into it in second place with a record of 8-1 in dual matches. Although, "That day we just didn't click," replied Skip Snow, as the team ended in third place.

"Our season could not have been so successful without all the help and support from our coach," said Rob Polvino. Ending her fifth year of coaching Fairmont golf, Diana Schwab said, "I've been coaching my seniors for nearly four years now. I'm really going to miss those boys."

Sectionals loomed ahead as the boys prepared for the possible last round of golf. The Fairmont team finished in sixth place out of sixteen, not quite high enough to advance to regionals. Though Randy Yoder did qualify as an individual for regionals which he later played in and shot an 84, not low enough to go to state.

Fairmont's junior varsity golf team also had a great season as it came to an end with a 10-5 record. Coach Mike Klopfer said, "Look for Keith Breitenstein and Eric Eby, they will become good assets to the varsity next year." Along with Terry Carr, Ben Licklighter, and Dave Snow who will play varsity.

In late November, the fall sports banquet honored special athletes. Charlie Petzold, who also broke the school record with a score of 33, received the most-valuable award. The most-improved award went to Skip Snow.

Katie Coleman

CONCENTRATION! Before one of the matches, seniors Randy Yoder and Chad Kemper amble toward the driving range to loosen up before playing. *Mallory Photo*

"Getting psyched for a match is important," stated senior golfer Chad Kemper, as he and his teammate Randy Yoder traveled to the practice greens. Yoder replied, "I really don't have to practice, but it does help me relax." This practice allowed the team to gain third place.

Effort spells VICTORY for tennis

"They ended up exactly where I thought they would in the WOL. I was very pleased with their overall performance." This summed up Jim Andrews' thoughts concerning the varsity girls' tennis team's season. Their 13-6 record gained the girls third place in the ten-team Western Ohio League.

Mr. Andrews added, "I rotated ten girls on the varsity squad. This seemed to raise the whole team's morale." Senior co-captain Jana Katsuyama agreed, adding "I had a lot more fun since more people got a chance to play varsity."

Mr. Andrews also felt that the girls themselves made the season a good one. "They would do anything I asked, and they were always perfect ladies on the court. These were the best bunch of girls I've ever worked with!"

In compiling their 13-6 record, the girls achieved six shutouts, including Beavercreek and Springfield South. The girls lost only two WOL matches, to the number one and two teams in the league.

Most players felt that the real highlight consisted of the first Parent-Daughter Tournament. Players and their parent played other parent-daughter couples. Tracey Hamby and her father won one bracket, while Jeannie Mayne and "her partner" won the other. Katsuyama said "It was fun meeting and playing other parents."

Playing tennis sometimes became tiring and frustrating, as matches continued into third sets. On a few occasions, Traci Hunter played for more than three hours. Katsuyama explained "The worst matches were the ones when you went to a third set, and then lost."

Girls named to WOL teams included seniors Kelli Brown and Kristen Dunkle, 2nd team doubles, junior Traci Hunter, 3rd team, and senior Janna Katsuyama, honorable mention. At the fall sports banquet, senior Tracey Hamby received the most-improved award, while Jeannie Mayne, a sophomore, received most-valuable player.

When asked what they thought of the season overall, the girls responded with a variety of answers. Senior Kelly Hamby felt, "The season was more successful than I thought it would be." Senior Dionne Stanchina summed up the season by saying "It was special!"

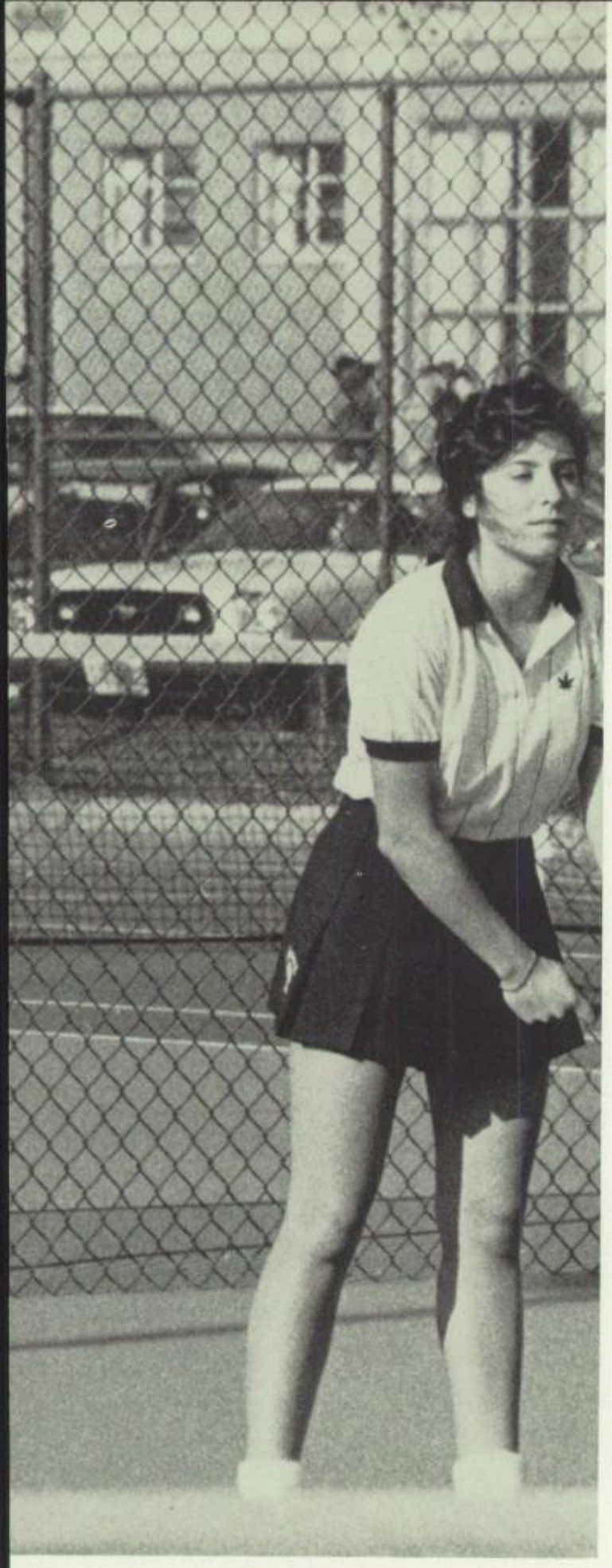
JV girls finished the year with an 8-8-2 record. Richard Moore, reserve coach, said "This year was one of the best I've had. I only wish it had been a longer season." He went on to say "The comaraderie and friendliness on the team was absoluteley great."

Senior Wendy Gillam expressed an opinion shared by many members of the team when she said "It was a fun season, since I was a senior, but it's sad because it's also my last season."

Jay Murdock

BACK TO YOU! Attempting to return her adversary's volley, junior Jane Kemper executes a difficult backhand shot. The JV's beat Carroll, 11-3. *Murdock Photo*

"Tennis really motivated me. I was always really dedicated to it. The coaches were concerned about me and willing to help me with my faults. i liked the people on the team and the matches and practices were lots of fun. They helped me improve tremendously."



HURRY UP AND SERVE! Seniors Muffy Clutter and Dionne Stanchina stand by and prepare for their opponent's serve in a game against Lakota. *Murdock Photo*

DETERMINATION! Senior co-captain Jana Katsuyama strains to make the forehand return to Stebbins. The varsity beat the Indians 4-1. *Murdock Photo*

Girls' Tennis

Varsity

Lebanon	5	0
Springfield North	0	5
Miami Valley	0	5
Stebbins	5	0
Lakota	4	1
Fairborn	4	1
Patterson	5	0
West Carrollton	4	1
Belmont	5	0
Centerville	0	5
Alter	1	4
Beavercreek	5	0
Oakwood	1	4
Wayne	4	1
Columbus Centennial	6	1
Vandalia-Butler	3	2
Springfield South	5	0
Milton-Union	2	3
Xenia	4	1

13-6

Reserves

Springfield North	5	0
Miami Valley	0	5
Carroll	11	3
Colonel White	6	1
Fairborn	2	1
Patterson	1	0
West Carrollton	3	0
Carroll	5	7
Alter	1	4
Beavercreek	10	3
Lakota	3	3
Wayne	2	0
Oakwood	2	4
Vandalia-Butler	3	4
Xenia	2	2
Springfield South	1	2
Centerville	1	13
Miami Valley	1	4

8-8-2

HEADS UP! As her partner Kristen Dunkle serves, Kelli Brown readies herself for the return. They formed one of three varsity doubles teams. *Murdock Photo*

"Playing doubles was terrific because Kelli and I were both real competitors and we played well together."
"Having a person like Kristen around for moral support when I needed it was great. We didn't need to talk; we knew what to do on the court."

Varsity Basketball

Lakota	71	74
Belmont	81	55
Middletown	53	62
Lemon-Monroe	78	49
Stebbins	75	44
Fairborn	56	49
West Carrollton	62	67
Centerville	62	48
Troy	94	51
Springfield North	76	60
Beavercreek	51	29
Fairfield	64	71
West Carrollton	59	49
Centerville	67	49
Vandalia-Butler	57	44
Alter	57	58
Springfield South	75	79
Wayne	70	69
Xenia	73	64
Northmont	76	62
Tournament		
Franklin	68	63
Xenia	56	52
Colonel White	88	57
Oak Hills	57	59

17-7

FREE AS A BIRD. Sophomore forward Tony Anello makes the easy lay-up as fans look on. Anello's offensive play led to a win over Butler. *Logan Photo*

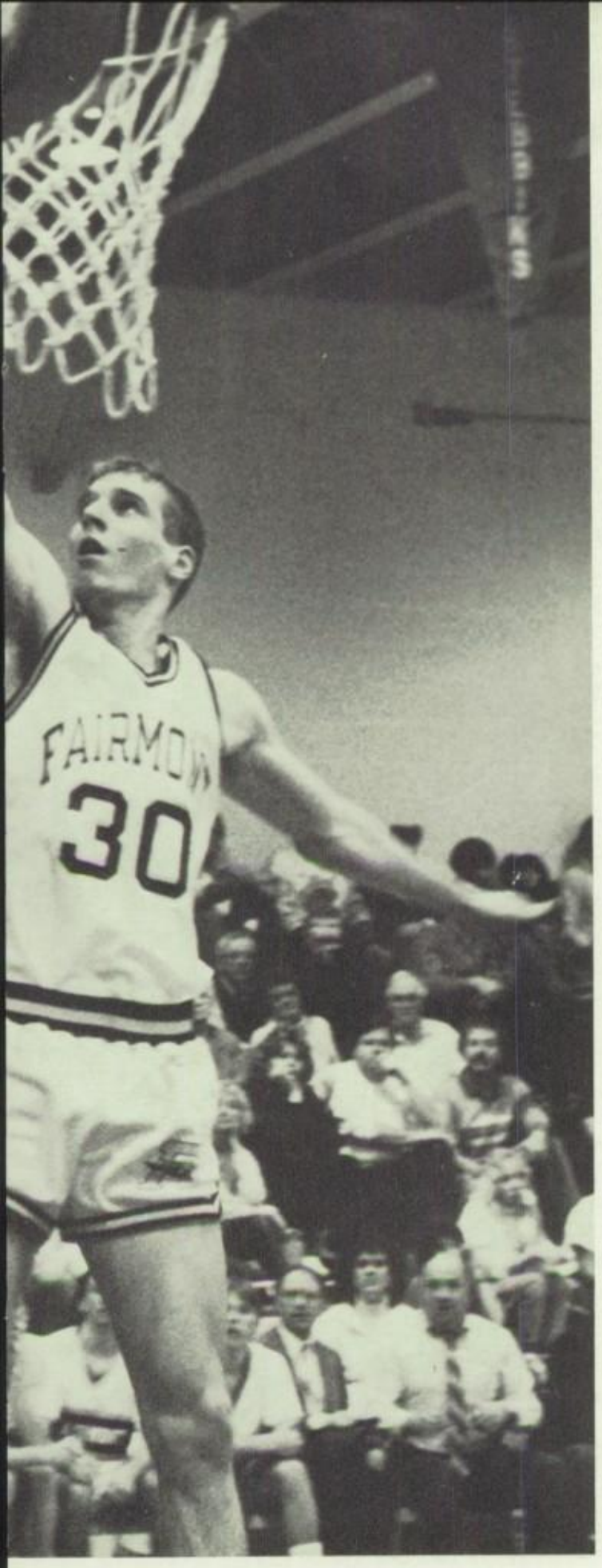
INTENSE! Nervously pacing the floor, Jim Zink tries to plan a winning strategy. The coaching staff worked hard to keep their team in top form. *Logan Photo*

GO GET 'EM! With the support of his teammates, senior Brian Coffee prepares himself for a victory. Coffee started in most games. *Logan Photo*

FLYING HIGH! Senior Charle Petzold reaches the extra inch to win the tip off. The Birds sought for vengeance with a 62-48 victory against the Elks. *Logan Photo*

"Winning the league was great way to end my high school basketball career. I wasn't happy about the tournament though. The whole season was a real team effort. The highlight of my season was the way I went out — on my friends' shoulders," said Petzold.

Boys' team CAPTURES WOL trophy



DE-FENSE! Keeping his opponents at bay, senior Donny Roepkin attempts to block a pass. A strong defense accounted for a winning season. *Logan Photo*

"This season was very challenging because we had five guards fighting for two positions. Every day at practice we tried to beat each other out. Sometimes we got mad at each other, but the intense competition was beneficial to the team," commented Roepkin.

With only three seconds left in the game, Fairmont thought their one point lead enough to secure the district title championship. A last second shot, thrown up on a prayer by Cincinnati Oak Hills proved them wrong. "We just didn't play up to our potential; we let our guard down because we thought we had it won," explained third year varsity player, Donny Roepken.

Fairmont did however have a good season overall-the best that a boys' basketball has had at Fairmont. "We accomplished everything we set out to do," stated senior, Charlie Petzold. They "accomplished" something no other Fairmont boys' basketball team has ever done-they won the Western Ohio League Championship by soundly defeating Xenia 73 to 64.

"Winning the WOL outright takes a good team. The WOL was a really tough league," boasted head coach Jim Zink. "The whole community and the students played a big part-they were great!"

Fairmont even lost with style. Criag Richey called the game against Springfield South, which went into triple overtime, "the greatest high school game I've ever been involved with." Even though they lost, most of the team considered this as the highlight of the season. "It was the most exciting game of the season," added sophomore Tony Anello.

Much of the added excitement of high school basketball came from the new three pointer. "It was exciting for the fans and a completely new game for the players. Since most of our strength was inside with Brian Coffee, Petzold, and Anello, the three-pointer wasn't a big asset to the team. Joe Weinel, Johnny Campbell, and Richey did a good job using it though," claimed Zink.

Petzold, the six-foot, five-inch super-power of the inside, averaged 17.5 points and 24 rebounds per game. Petzold received many honors during his last season before playing for the Virginia Military Academy. McDonald's All-American's nominated him for their team and his teammates chose him as most-valuable.

Seven other seniors joined Petzold on the court. "They were a great bunch of guys, I just can't say enough about them. It was hard because I could only play five of them at a time, when all eight were good ball players." Zink made good use of the bench by playing Roepken, Polvino, recipient of the Keith Moon award, and Weinel, who received the coaches award.

Weinel said, "Winning a league doesn't happen often," but it happened to Fairmont mainly due to the fact that towards the end of their season, the guys really pulled together to play as a team. Of course,they did hope to go farther in the tournament, but as the coach pointed out, "Every team, except one, loses their last game."

Fairmont boys' basketball found satisfaction in their performance, "It has been really exciting to be a part of Fairmont basketball this year," summed up Roepkin. This senior-dominated team provided a lot of excitement.

Debi Slakter

JV Birds ACHIEVE high goals

Hard work and long hours of practice paid off for the junior varsity basketball team. Their enthusiasm and desire to complete the season with a winning record proved successful as the boys ended the year 12-8.

As new faces appeared in the gym, team members learned to work together as a unit. They began the season with two victories over Lakota and Belmont. The Firebirds outplayed their opponents 123-88, yet Middletown lowered their spirits defeating them 56-57. The Baby Birds gained a win and a loss before entering the Kettering Holiday Tournament.

As tournament play began the Baby Birds outplayed West Carrollton to give them a shot at the title. But things just didn't work out as the boys lost to Alter in a disappointing game. "We really waned to beat them but things weren't coming together for us," felt junior Chris Bruce.

Fairmont gained their strength back to win their next three games. " I was really proud of my team being able to come back and win after losing such a disappointing game agains Alter," stated Coach Mike Sullivan. "That's what really makes a team."

Proven even more of a disappointment, the Baby Birds suffered two close defeats against Fairfield and West Carrollton. These games both gave teams a run for their money, but Faimront came up short by losing by only one point.

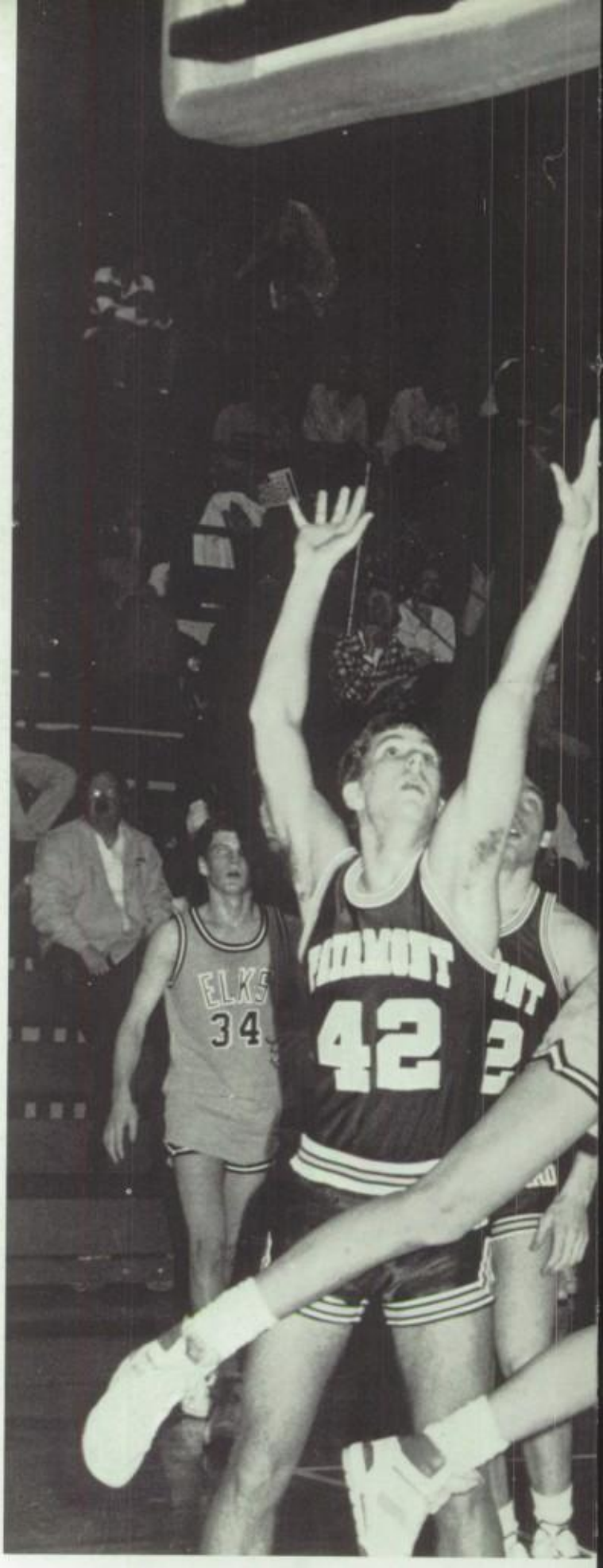
According to sophomore Jeff Nix, "The highlight of the season was aginst Vandalia-Butler. It was good game for the whole team. We really played well together and the fans could tell."

Traveling the Alter the JV team faced another upset. The Firebirds came close to a victory, but the Knights pulled ahead in the final minutes of the game to win 48-52. With their spirits still low Springfield South took advantage of the Birds to capture a win. The team bounced back to end their season with an impressive win over Northmont with a socre of 73-65.

Sophomore John Welsh commented, "The coaches were really great! They worked us hard, but they made sure we were having fun." Nix agreed but added, "They were always willing to help everyone out when they were in trouble."

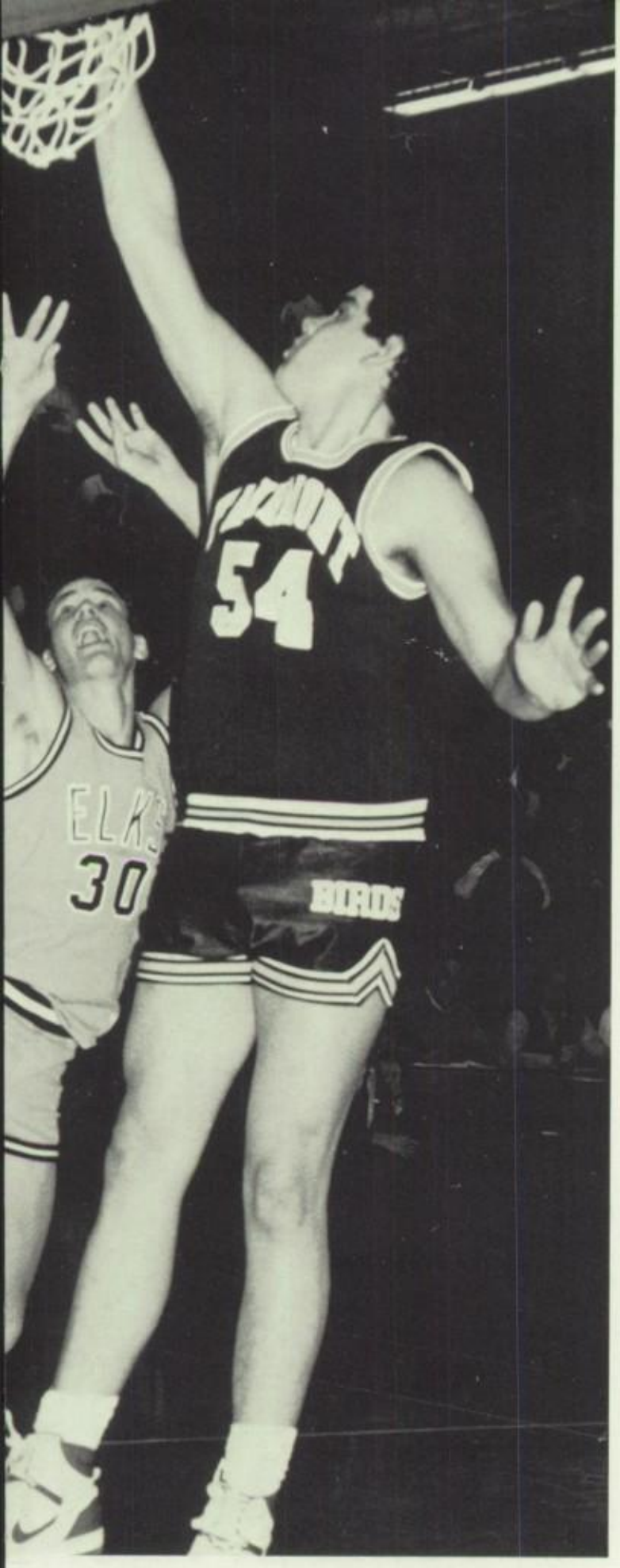
Fairmont fans also enjoyed attending the sophomore games. Team members worked hard to finish the season with a 9-10 record. Scott Mereness commented, "Even though we did not have winning season, we had a lot of fun."

Anne Marie Ackerman



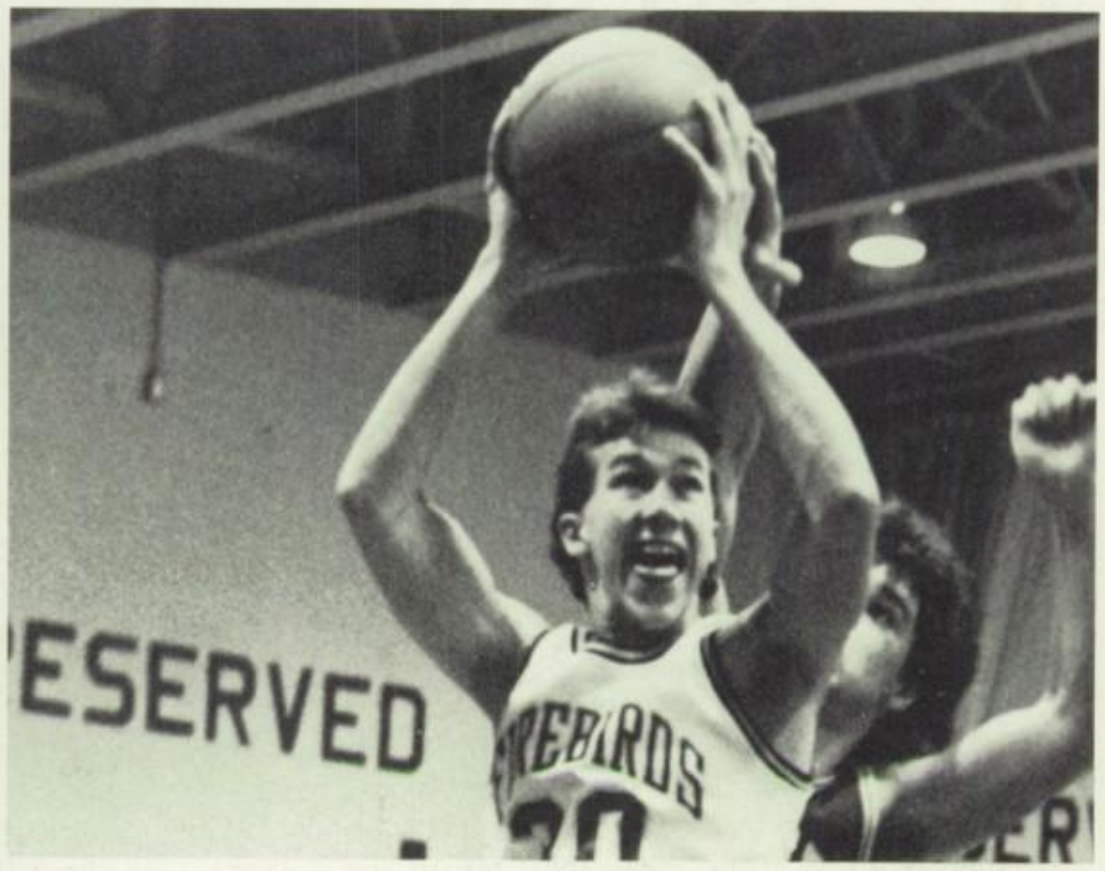
LET'S GO GUYS! Trying to motivate his team, Coach Mike Sullivan gives instructions for their defense against Centerville for a victory. *Logan Photo*

"These guys did an excelleng job against Centerville. Playing against some of these big teams and winning just proves to them that if they put their minds on achieving a goal they are good enough to win. Having confidence in yourself and the team is important," said Sullivan.



THAT'S MINE! Fighting for a rebound, Chris Bruce lets nothing get in his way as he battles it out with an Elk oppenent. Rick Porter gets ready to jump in for support. *Logan Photo*

HERE I COME! Outplaying a Butler player sophomore Scott Harris dibbles around his oppenent to give him an easy lay-up. Fairmont went on to win 55-37 for an important win. *Logan Photo*



Reserve Basketball

Lakota	57	44
Belmont	67	44
Middletown	58	67
Lemon Monroe	47	42
Stebbins	46	48
Fairborn	59	49
West Carrollton	56	45
Alter	50	62
Troy	60	38
Springfield North	49	43
Beavercreek	41	35
Fairfield	39	40
West Carrollton	50	51
Centerville	42	37
Vandalia-Butler	55	37
Alter	48	52
Springfield South	34	427
Wayne	49	47
Xenia	51	66
Northmont	73	65

12-8

Sophomore Basketball

Princeton	-	Forfeit
Hamilton	62	43
Fairfield	53	52
Lakota	59	54
Piqua	41	27
Middletown	47	53
Princeton	36	46
Patterson	37	39
Beavercreek	45	47
Hamilton	53	69
Fairfield	44	53
Lakota	30	36
Wayne	49	51
Patterson	46	53
Piqua	54	37
Piqua	49	40
Wayne	47	53
Lakota	50	38
Fairfield	33	48

9-10

WATCH OUT! Coming out of nowhere sophomore Dale Napier surprises his opponents by stealing their rebound. Teammate Mike Burgeson runs back to help out. *Logan Photo.*

"It was really great how the team backed each other up. Whenever any of us were in any trouble you could always count on one of your teammates to help you out. I think that's how a team shoud operate." said Dale Napier

REBOUND! Snatching the ball Debbie Wagner almost collides with Barb Cashdollar. Wagner and Cashdollar both proved invaluable for the Firebirds. *Logan Photo*

LAY UP! Sophomore Bridgid Quinlan puts up an easy two against Stebbins. The Firebirds had an impressive regular and post season play. *Logan Photo*

Girls' Basketball

Varsity		
Sycamore	41	27
Vandalia-Butler	50	33
Miamisburg	69	32
Stebbins	55	37
Chaminade-Julienne	48	31
Fairborn	49	22
Jefferson	72	12
Springfield North	75	30
Oak Hills	51	42
Beavercreek	28	39
Hamilton	57	47
West Carrollton	43	41
Middletown	46	51
Centerville	49	37
Piqua	37	36
Springfield South	50	45
Patterson	82	36
Wayne	51	21
Alter	34	30
Xenia	61	53
Tournament		
Patterson	73	42
Middletown	59	53
Princeton	33	53

20-3

Reserves		
Sycamore	32	24
Vandalia-Butler	16	24
Miamisburg	33	21
Stebbins	28	23
Chaminade-Julienne	45	20
Fairborn	29	12
Jefferson	47	8
Springfield North	30	10
Oakhills	22	36
Beavercreek	33	39
Hamilton	52	51
West Carrollton	42	29
Middletown	29	33
Centerville	29	32
Piqua	37	38
Springfield South	24	28
Patterson	38	26
Wayne	32	16
Alter	31	45
Xenia	41	24

12-8

STEAL! Taking the ball from the Elks, sophomore Jenny Bajdo fights a tough grudge match. *Logan Photo*

"As a team I think we did very well. We certainly did play some good teams. We did well against them. I learned a lot from the older players and hope to have a better season next year. We lost only one league game this season. All the great support helped me," said Bajdo.

Lady Birds FILL empty shoes

Coach Doug Weikert summed up the girls' basketball season, "We were 20-3. We won five or six more than we were supposed to. The girls worked very hard to get there. We only had two starters from our 24-2 season last year so we had some big shoes to fill."

Fill they did. The Birds finished second in the Western Ohio League. They made it to the state tournament, but lost to Princeton, defending state champs and seventh-ranked in the state. The girls received the TV 2 team-of-the-week award during a pep assembly.

Lady Firebird matches recorded attendance called the biggest in years. Many loyal fans followed the Birds wherever they played to give support to them. The WOL contest against Beavercreek claimed the largest attendance. Giant victories by the Lady Birds came against Alter, Centerville, Patterson, Middletown, and Springfield South.

Losing many talented seniors to college last year, the Firebirds worked hard for a winning year. Big efforts by seniors Barb Cashdollar, Joanie Rosenkranz, Kathy Huelsman, and Deborah Wagner made the varsity team a nightmare for opposing teams.

Seniors received support from underclassmen Marian Nevin, Tina Thomas, Suzanne Slaidens, Tracey Borneman, Debby Bockhorn, and Jenny Bajdo on varsity. These players, expected to walk right into the seniors' places next year, hand lots of playing time due to good talent.

Averaging 12.3 points a game for the Firebirds, leading scorer Nevin had a great scoring season. Rosenkranz along with Cashdollar also had good offensive seasons.

Wagner led the Lady Birds under the boards with a 5.8 rebounds per game. Cashdollar and Nevin also showed muscle under the net with 5.0 and 4.8 rebounds per game respectively.

Meanwhile, the JV team recorded a 12-8 season under the direction of Coach Amy Carl. Jonell Farren, Sharon Lahm, Karen Lahm, and Melissa Spang all had good JV seasons. The team learned the fundamentals of basketball at the high school level and won some big games.

Bajdo said, "I think that we will have a good year next season even though we are young. We have a lot of talent and the upperclassmen's leadership this year should give us a boost next year."

Wagner stated, "For being a year so full of changes, I think we did a super job. No one thought the girls' basketball team would be any good this year. We proved to them that they were wrong." Senior Rosenkranz summed it up best, "I was happy with the way the season ended. I had no disappointments. I was happy for how far we went in the tournament."

Stephen Shannon

DRIVE! Senior Kathy Huelsman goes in for points against Fairborn. The Bird's lost only one WOL League game against the Beavercreek Beavers. *Logan Photo*

"People didn't expect the Firebirds to go anywhere this year. We lost a lot of talent last year in Stacie Bruce and Stacie Nolan. We had to work hard to make up for them on the court. The younger players added a lot of hustle to our game plan and helped us in many critical situations."

Pride with SKILL shows in '88

"WINNING IS AN ATTITUDE" became the motto for the wrestlers this year. "As the season moved along each wrestler began to believe in this motto and in themselves," said Coach Larry McVey adding, "As a coach I was very pleased with the positive attitudes, hard work, dedication, and improvement in skills and techniques of each one as the season progressed."

Fairmont's wrestling team had a successful season in terms of team and individual accomplishments. The team won many of their dual meets, placed third in the Western Ohio League tournament, and qualified eight wrestlers to the Districts.

From district action sophomore David Scherer and junior Hans Gottschalk qualified for State competition. Senior Rick Feltner attributed the team's success to "off-season conditioning, weight training, and a variety in workout."

Junior wrestlers Brian Hildebrand and Greg Hollis agreed in saying "placing third in the WOL was the highlight of the year." Hollis stated, "Beating Willis Simpson from Xenia in the WOL consolation finals gave me confidence going into Sectionals."

Junior Mark Weber, a leader on the junior varsity, who sometimes wrestled varsity, proclaimed that "winning the JV tournament at West Carrollton was the best."

Coaching seemed to play a major role in the team's success this season. Gottschalk stated, "Coach McVey really motivated me to do my best. He changed my ideas and got me to the point of being the best I could be. In the beginning I did not have a good attitude; he changed that by just talking to me."

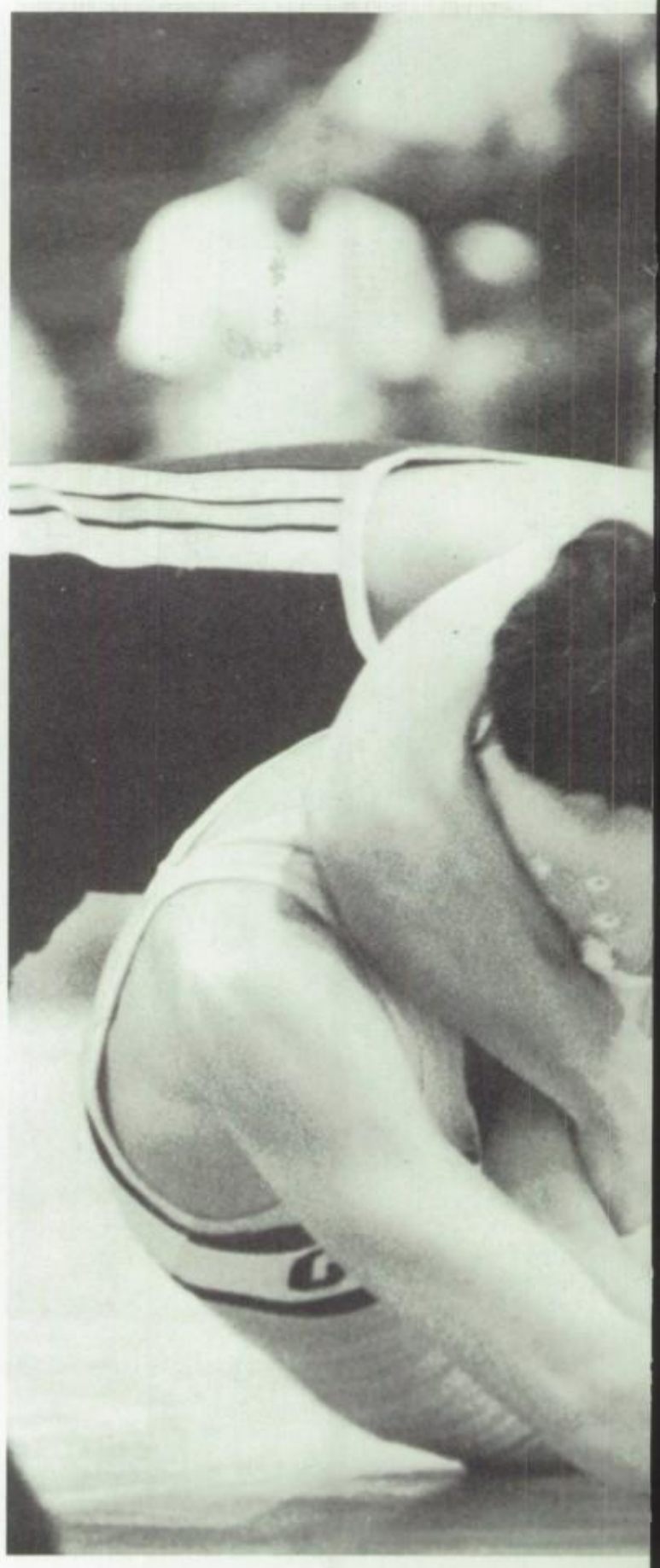
Hollis agreed with Gottschalk in saying, "He gave me confidence when I thought I wouldn't win." Senior Rick Feltner added, "He always got us mentally prepared."

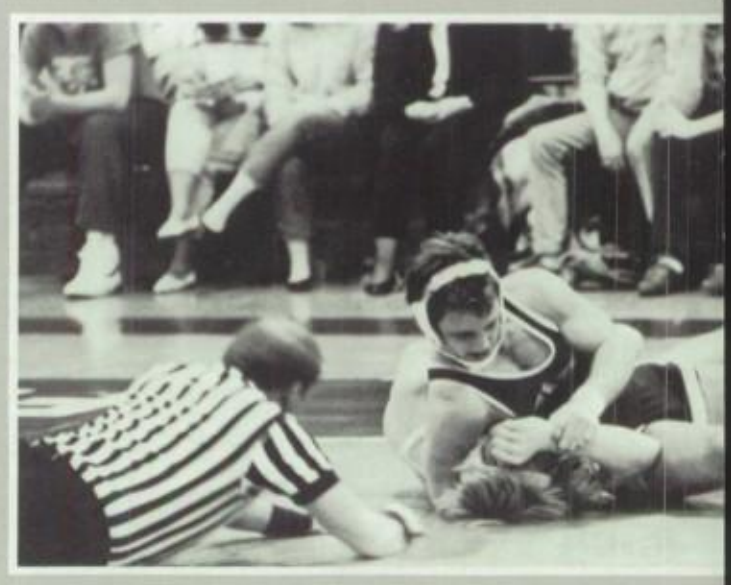
Tom Botti assisted McVey with coaching the Firebirds this year. "He had a unique wrestling style," said Feltner, "He really kept us on our toes."

"Wrestling at state was indescribable. No one can ever understand until you've been there," stated Gottschalk. "Wrestling Tornberg of Centerville was tough probably because of our school's differences, then wrestling Talley of Wayne who was expected to take third or better and only getting beaten by two gave me confidence going to state."

"At state I got beat 6-0 by the state champ. Then in my last match I was thrown twice in a row in 30 seconds. I worked my way back to an 11-19 decision putting me into a tie for seventh place, I felt pretty good about my performance overall. It's hard to be out there on the mat all alone with 10,000 people watching you," said Gottschalk.

Daniel Foreman





SPEED! With his great strength, sophomore David Scherer gets his opponent in a threatening position. Scherer wrestled for the Firebirds at State. *Logan Photo*

VICTORY! After winning an important match, Coach Larry McVey congratulates Jim Stanley. Stanley earned his third-year letter in 1988. *Logan Photo*

Wrestling

Varsity		
Lebanon	43	24
Tecumseh	51	24
Fairborn	14	43
Patterson	52	12
Beavercreek	38	28
Springfield South	58	12
Fairborn	6	53
Wayne	22	37
Springfield North	43	18
Vandalia-Butler	28	30
West Carrollton	63	6

7-4

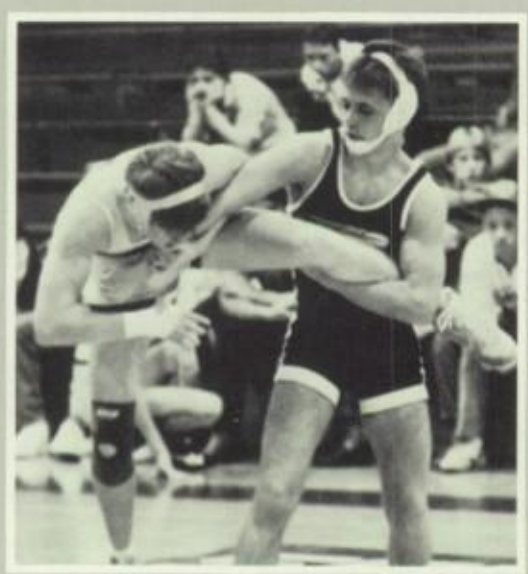
Reserves		
Lebanon	60	12
Beavercreek	33	36
Springfield South	60	0
Fairborn	3	54
Wayne	35	27
Springfield North	30	30
Vandalia-Butler	14	49

3-3-1

Xenia Invitational-Third
Wayne Invitational-Fifth
Stebbins Team Tourney-Third
WOL-Third

DOWN FOR THE COUNT! Junior Greg Hollis gets his opponent into the pin position. Hollis wrestled in the 140 pound weight class for the Firebirds. *Logan Photo*

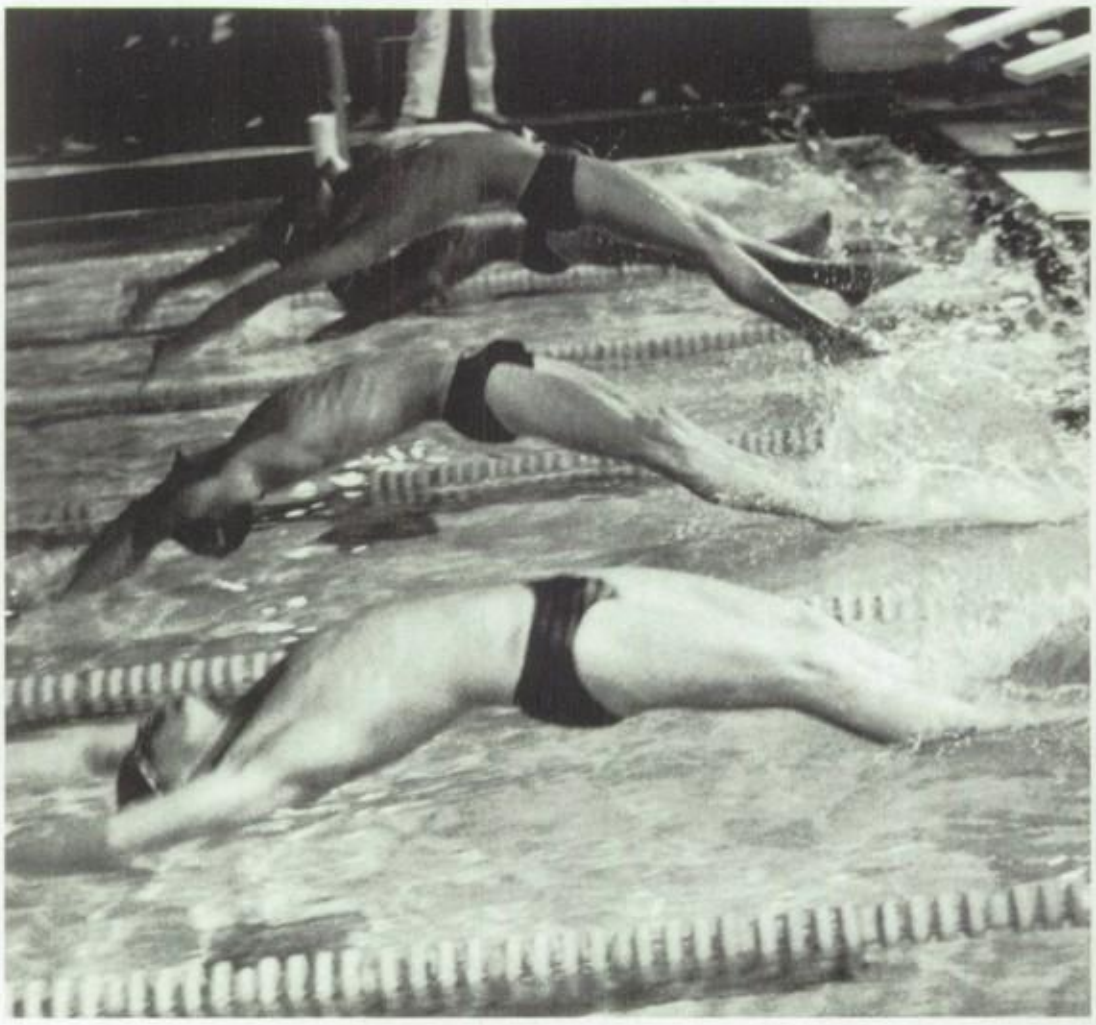
"The kid wasn't that good, but he stayed with me. It was the second period and I got really mad. I tied up with him and threw him with a head and arm. I put him on his back and I said to myself that there was no way that I'd let him up," said Hollis.



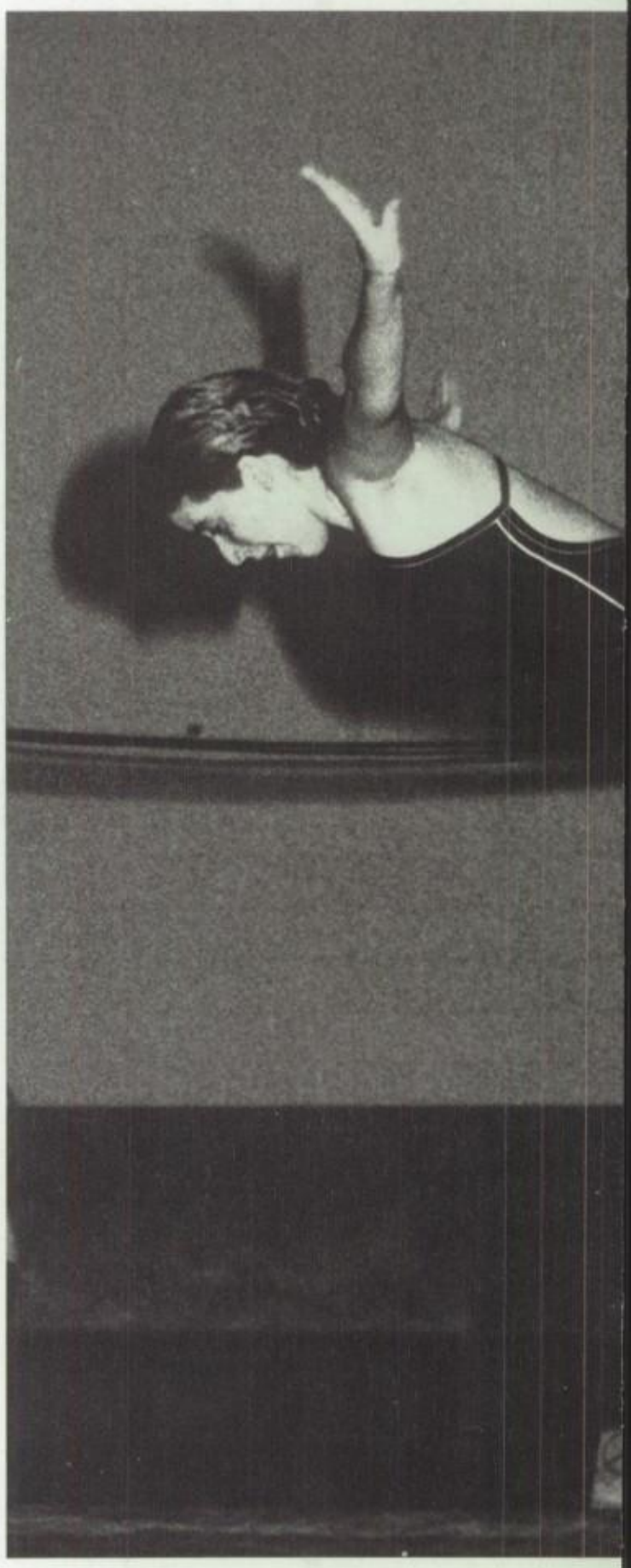
STRENGTH! Showing his ability, John Berger wresltes his opponent from Springfield North. Berger competed in the 130 pound weight class. *Logan Photo*

"I was up against this kid from North. I knew he was good and I'd have go for him. I had just shot in on him and got him with a single leg and pulled it up. Then I tried to trip him forward, but he jumped and went out of bounds," said Berger.

STRETCH! Fairmont swimmers at a home meet strive to pull ahead. In the third and second lanes, Matt Barhorst and Bob Berardi move ahead. *Logan Photo*



HEADS UP! Sophomore Paula Stewart shows her diving expertise as she executes an awesome front dive at the Lemon-Monroe meet to place second. *Logan Photo*



Swimming & Diving

	Girls'		Boys'		
Fairfield	97	83	Talawanda	101	92
Talawanda	-	99	Fairfield	-	86
Sycamore	108	48	Sycamore	115	41
Centerville	52	120	Centerville	71	93
Beavercreek	83	135	Beavercreek	109	116
Hamilton	-	53	Hamilton	-	54
Lakota	164	109	Lakota	152	164
Cincinnati Country Day	-	91	Cincinnati Country Day	-	103
Monroe	-	-	Kings	-	21
Middletown	117	52	Monroe	126	33
Alter	94	70	Middletown	105	64
			Alter	87	81

5-1

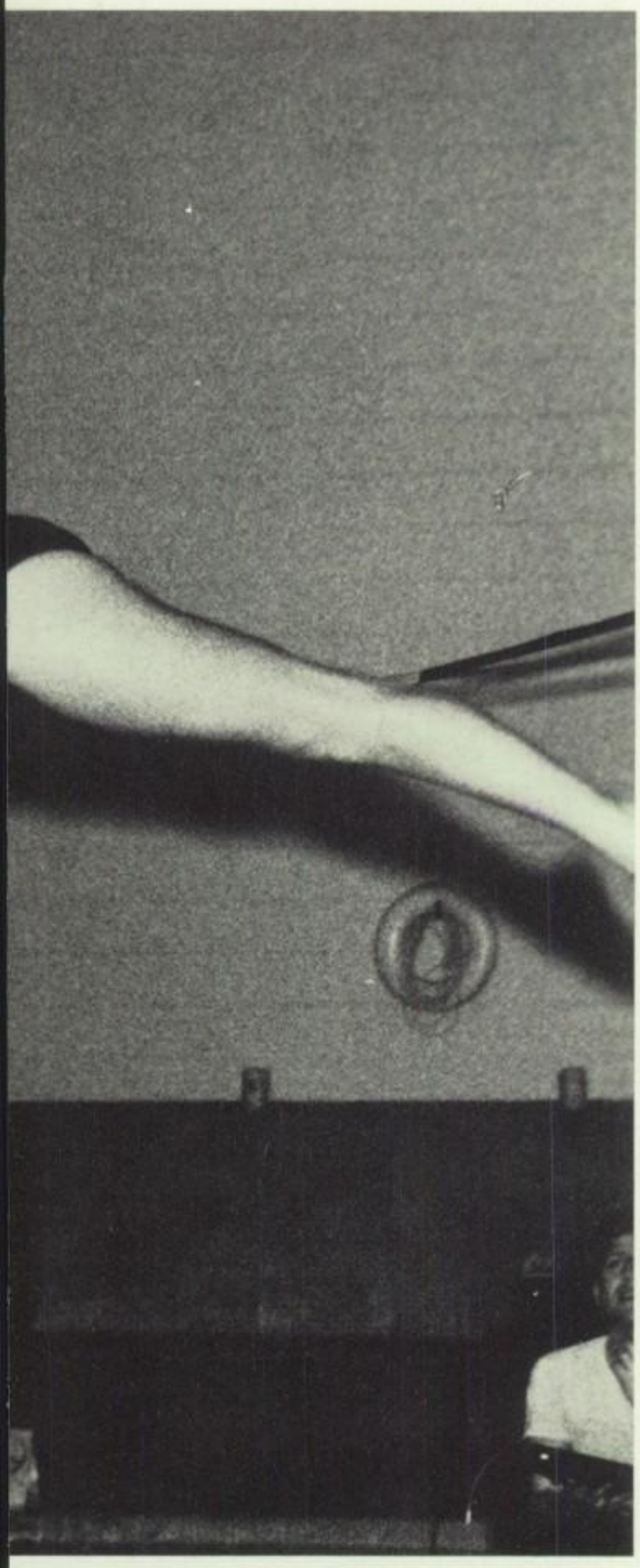
Lima Invitational-Second
Lakota Quad Meet-First
WOL-Fifth

5-3

No-Pool Invitational-Second
Dayton Area Invitational-Fifth
WOL-Fourth

STRENGTH! Swimming the 100-meter butterfly, senior tri-captain Muffy Clutter shows her determination to win. Clutter placed second. *Logan Photo*

"My favorite meet was at Country-side Y. I really psyched myself up for that meet and it paid off, I dropped two seconds in the relay. In fact that was my best relay time all year. What topped it off was that we won that meet," stated Clutter.



AWESOME! Senior Bob Berardi shows his strength at the home meet against Centerville. Berardi pulled ahead and placed first though the team lost. *Logan Photo*

"That particular race meant a lot to me. We played Centerville at home and I felt so competitive not only because it was Centerville, but because I swam with those people in the Kettering City Swim Team." Berardi stated.

Four travel to COMPETE for districts

Hard work and cooperation seemed the key this year for the Kettering Fairmont swim team. Senior Matt Barhorst explained, "Everyone played a role in this year's successful season. We all worked hard and it all came together to fit like a jigsaw puzzle."

Many months of training and long hard practices went into the season. The team swam three times a week in addition to the other two remaining days. Dave Edmundson confirmed that, "The rigorous schedule got hectic at times, but by the end of the season, I felt the hard work had been worth it."

Rusty Clifford coached the boys' team for the second year. Bob Berardi commented, "Coach Clifford was strict, but very well liked. He worked extremely hard, and encouraged everyone to get involved and to work together. He got the best out of all of us." Four of the boys he 'got the best out of' traveled to Cincinnati for District competition.

These four District qualifiers included Bill Budde in the 500 freestyle and relay, Matt Barhorst in the 100 backstroke and relay, and Paige Cook and Bob Berardi in the 400 freestyle relay. Senior Doug Ray also competed in Districts in diving.

Ray became the only Fairmont diver to make Districts, but ranked second in the Western Ohio League. On the girls' team Jenny Raiff turned in a successful diving record with a fifth place rank in WOL.

Patty Garpstas coached the girls for a second year. Tri-captains Muffy Clutter, Lisa MaPherson, and Maggy Williams felt that they didn't always get all the coaching support needed, but the team pulled together for the best they could do. Clutter commented, "We all became a lot closer with this team effort."

While winning all their dual meets, the Lady Firebirds attained personal and individual goals. Many swimmers brought their times down to their personal best, while relay teams strived to out reach their competition.

Consisting of Paige Reigel, Clutter, Williams, and Denise Gonce, the 'A' Medley relay team contemplated hopes of making districts all season. At sectionals, "We were devastated when Paige was scratched out of the meet," said butterflyer Williams.

Most of the swimmers preferred the bigger meets. They found this competition more intense than at the dual meets. Barhorst stated, "The team did better under the greater pressure of the harder competition and the better times were expected." Edmundson confirmed that, "All around the tougher competiton this year made things more intense."

Each of the teams worked well together and enjoyed competing together. Barhorst stated, "The girls really cheered us on. WOL was awesome due to the great competitive atmosphere and team spirit."

Members who received honors for the 1987-88 swimming season included Janet Paulaskas as the most-improved and Williams as the most-valuable. On the boys team Scott Leathley took most-improved while Barhorst received most-valuable.

Julie Hapner

Sprinters WIN, share spirit

Beginning in January, the coaches and members of the girls track team began to prepare for the upcoming season. Every runner set their own goals and coach Robert Karl set the team goal "To win the WOL." All in all, the girls track team possessed an optimistic outlook before the season began.

"Coach Karl put us in the toughest invitationals and dual meets so we would be well prepared for the WOL," said Stacey Hayes. Elected as one of the four senior captains, Stacey proved a motivational force in the season. Other captains included Kristin Lymburner, Barb Cashdollar, and Kim Edwards.

With a first place finish in the Sycamore Invitational, the Firebirds gained the confidence needed for a successful season. The team went to Cincinnati in order to compete in a five-team meet and edged out defending champion Sycamore for the first-place trophy.

Returning home the girls competed in and won the Patterson Invitational. Against eight other teams at Welcome Stadium, the Lady Firebirds placed first in six out of sixteen events and beat second-place Patterson convincingly, 152-79. Cashdollar led the team with victories in the shot-put and the discus.

Heather McCormick posted wins in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles to lift the Lady Birds over Springfield North in the WOL quin meet. Fairmont captured three relay events and Cashdollar won the discus, throwing it 99 feet. McCormick said, "It was an important victory for us because it gave us confidence for the Fairborn Relays and the final WOL meet."

With the needed confidence, the Fairmont girls scored an important first-place finish in the Fairborn Relays. Top finishes in the 400, 800, and 1600 meter relays secured a second place over Alter.

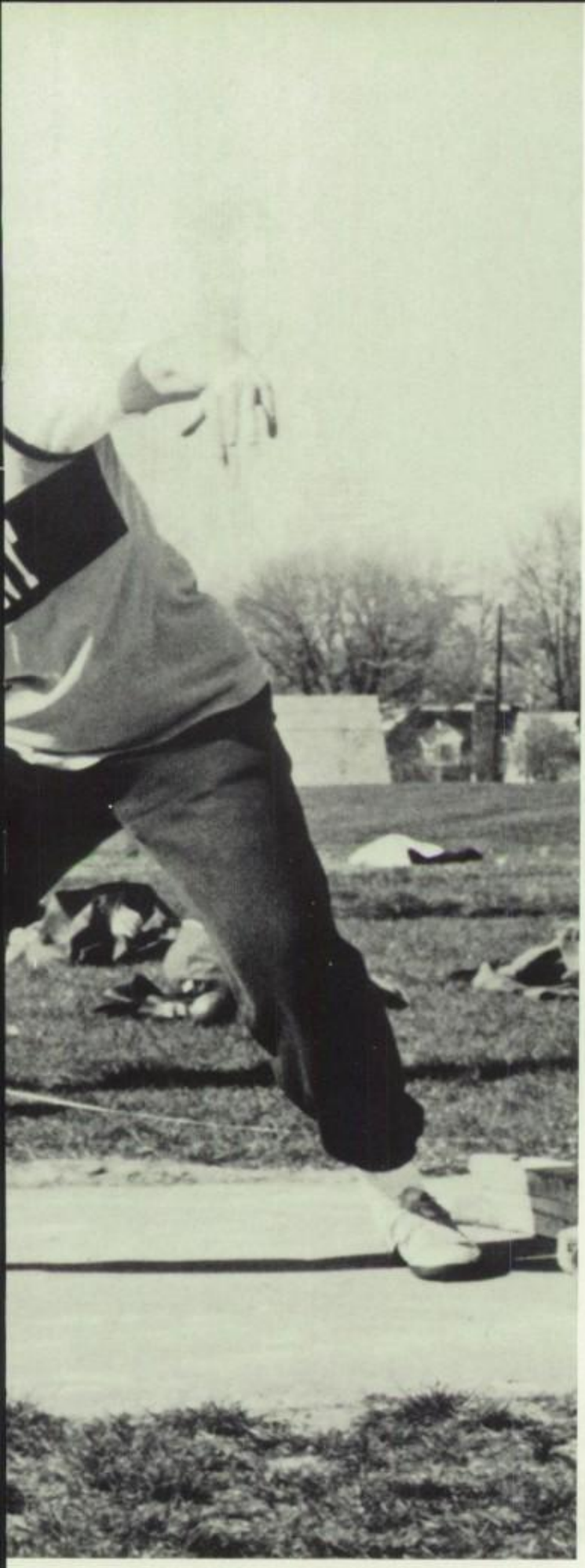
Lymburner, who participated in the 800 meter relay, stated, "The team turned in its best performance in the Fairborn Invitational. It was definitely my favorite meet of the year."

In the final WOL meet, the girls placed fourth with some fine individual performances. "Although we didn't achieve our goal," said Coach Karl, "the girls always gave it their best, and I am proud of them."

Lymburner, Becky Fulmer, Dawn Barnum, and Joanne Riess combined their efforts to finish first in the 800 meter relay. Second place went to Michelle Soptelean, Heather Barnum, Dawn Barnum and Fulmer in the 400 meter relay, and Suzanne Slaidens, Lymburner, Fulmer, and Riess in the 1600 meter relay. Riess also placed second in the 400 meter dash.

When asked how he felt about the season, Coach Scott Counts replied, "I had a lot of fun coaching them, and I think they had a lot of fun at the meets and at practices when I yelled at them." Winning some and losing some, the girls track team always put forth their best effort.

Randy Yoder



UMPH! Senior Barb Cashdollar prepares to launch the shot put. Throwing the discus also, Cashdollar helped the team with her strength and incentive. *Logan Photo*

MAKING THE EXCHANGE, junior Kate Karter stops for a breather as Faye Howland runs onward. The relay teams kept the girls close in competitive meets. *Logan Photo*

Girls' Track

Tri-Meet: F. Blue-102, F. Silver-22, Trotwood-37
Sycamore Invitational-Fifth
Patterson Invitational-First
Firebird Field Events Invit.-Fifth
Lakota Relays-Ninth
Tri-Meet: F. Blue-84, F. Silver-12, Troy-68
Westerville North Relays-Fourth
WOL Quin Meet-First
Richmond, IN 47 2/3 70 1/3
Troy Relays-Fourth
Fairborn Relays-First
Roosevelt Memorial Meet-Seventeenth
WOL-Fourth
Districts-Third

DETERMINATION! Running the two-mile relay, sophomore Amy Schwartz looks toward the finish line. The relay team finished first in the race. *Logan Photo*

JUMP! Giving it her best effort, freshman Joanne Reiss leaps toward a first place finish. Reiss contributed by running in the relay events too. *Logan Photo*

"It was hard for me to adjust to the varsity squad. Dropping the baton in my first relay disqualifying the team-I thought the girls would hate me, but they didn't make a big deal and I learned that everybody makes mistakes," said Reiss.

SOARING OVER THE BAR captain Stacey Hayes bends and twists to gain the perfect form. Along with the other captains, Hayes motivated her teammates. *Logan Photo*

"Our season started off poorly because we didn't work together as a team, but soon we became a family unit and started winning. Our best performance came at Troy where we had our best scores," said Hayes.

STRETCH! As he leaps to the limits, senior member Jim Smith extends his legs and hopes to beat the Fairmont track record. *Murdock Photo*

EXPLODE! During the second lap of the race, senior runner Sean Owens keeps his pace as he heads toward the finish line in the tounament relay. *Logan Photo*

GO! Getting off to a good start track member Rob Darner pushes off on his first lap around on his way to the finish line. *Murdock Photo*

Boys' Track

Lakota Invitational-Third
Elk Relays-Third
West Carrollton 100 26
Beavercreek Invitational-Third
Tri-Meet: Col. White, Patterson, Meadowdale-First
Middletown Invitational-First
WOL Quin Meet-Second
Dayton Relays-First
Beavercreek Relays-First
WOL-Fourth
Districts-Fifth

HUSTLE! Ahead in the race Senior Stephen Shannon attempts to keep his stamina and leading position during the WOL tournament meet.

"Being a tri-captain is a very rewarding honor. I have enjoyed track nearly all my life and felt special to be a part of Coach Kritzer's last group of seniors," said Shannon

AIRBOUND! Taking the lead over other competetors, sophomore Rob Jones takes a final leap over his hurdle and runs for his titling finish. *Logan Photo*

"Hurdling can be tough, yet it is very thrilling. At an important meet you tend to get nervous. You just work hard along with your teammates and do your best you can. For me, I just kept striving and somehow crossed the finish line first," said Jones.

Thanks for MEMORIES of final year

"Since this is my last year as track coach at Fairmont, I feel very fortunate to have had this group as my last team. I'll always have a special place in my heart for this group of seniors," commented Coach Bob Kritzer. After 38 years of coaching boys' track, Kritzer ended his career with a memorable season.

Fairmont's team, including nine seniors, agreed they all worked well together. They began conditioning early in the winter season, then began daily practices after school for at least two hours. Senior team member, Joe Weinel admitted, "Practice really helped me get in shape." Coach Krizer also said they worked well in practices, 'because of the senior leadership.'

Highlights of this year's track team came often throughout the season. Senior Sean Owens said, "We were all very happy when our team captured the win at Fairborn, Middletown, and Beavercreek." Dave Klosterman, another senior leader, added, "The Mansfield overnight was also a good time." Kritzer believed "Any time a member does his best performance was a highlight."

After every meet Kritzer took on the duty of voting on someone to receive the Big Bird Award, an honor going to a member who had an excellent performance that day. Stephen Shannon, Weinel, Klosterman, Tim Doyle, and Scott Fife all received these awards.

But the awards didn't stop there. Coach Kritzer himself received the honor of induction into the Ohio Track Hall of Fame this past year. He even commented, "It was very nice experience. It really made me feel quite humble."

Fairmont's boys' track ended their season with the Western Ohio League tournament meet. Senior captains Owens, Shannon, and Weinel all agreed that for the first time in three years the team finally jelled as a team rather than just individuals.

Some of the best performances included Weinel, winner of three events; and Rob Jones who also proved beneficial to the team at the meet. The team ended with a fourth place finish, as well as setting records like the two-mile relay team of Owens, Shannon, Klosterman and Weinel time of 8:04.4-a new WOL record. This same combo of runners qualified for the District Track Meet.

When asked what was the strongest point of their season one member commented, 'Coach Kritzer' and all seemed to agree on his response. Kritzer definitely valued his last season and made it a memorable one for the seniors as well as the other team members.

Amy & Katie Coleman

Baseball rocks TOURNEY with action

Varsity and junior varsity baseball both had a fine season this year. The teams devoted a large chunk of time to drills and the perfection of the game.

During the practices, the varsity players threw balls to loosen up their arms and worked on mass infield fielding. They performed various situation drills and practiced hitting, also. If time allowed, the players broke up into groups to tune up specific skills related to their positions.

One of the varsity's best games occured against Cincinnati-Moeller. "We came from behind and swept them in a double header," explained junior Brad Scott. Fairmont had another great win against Alter during the Spring Medley. "Everyone's head was in the game and we played together as a team," said senior Klint Rose.

Centerville ranked high among their most devastating losses. Craig Richey stated, "We entered the game with big heads, thinking we'd be number one in the area, and we got beat." Springfield South represented another upsetting loss for the Firebirds. In both games, the team made some errors in judgement which cost them the win.

"In reserve ball, we tried to stress the basics and fundamentals of hitting, fielding, and pitching," stated junior varsity coach John Gonzales. Individual mechanics also received attention. Much of the learning went on inside the gym even before the team set foot outside in nice weather. After accomplishing their goals, the reserves ended with fun activities.

Reserves' best performance arose in the last game of the season against Springfield South. The Firebirds started out down 10-0 in the first inning but had to fight their way back to a close 12-11 win.

Their poorest performance occured in the second game against Centerville. Fairmont had beaten that team 15-5 earlier in the season, but after leading 4-0 in the second game, their lead became a loss through simple errors.

Both varsity and reserve players had an enjoyable season. "I especially liked the dominating factor that we experienced when we won,": said Rose. Other players said they enjoyed interacting with their teammates and the thrill of competition. "The sad part was that baseball was the last sport the seniors got to participate in at Fairmont," said Rob Polvino.

After the regular season, the varsity team moved on to the tournament. In the first two games, against Patterson and Dunbar, the Firebirds won by a margin of seven and nine runs respectively. Their triumph over Centerville, an intense rival, came out closer; a two-point win.

Ann Marshall

GOT IT! Right fielder Rob Polvino snags a pop-fly to end the inning against arch rival Alter. The Birds won the game and the spring sports medley. *Logan Photo*

"Right field turned out to be exciting with hard throwing Klint Rose, Johnny Campbell, and Craig Richey on the mound. Because of their fast balls, batters found it hard to get in front of the pitch, thus hitting to right," said Polvino.

SLAM! Senior Greg Secrest cracks the ball into left field. The hit resulted in a single for the Firebirds and helped to pave the way to victory. *Logan Photo*

IS IT GOOD? Watching the ball anxiously, sophomore Steve Tulloch begins his spring to first base. The fly ball got away from Alter, and so did Tulloch. *Logan Photo*

Baseball

Varsity			Reserves		
Alter	1	4	Alter	11	0
Springfield South	1	3	Miamisburg	9	5
Miamisburg	7	6	Miamisburg	2	7
Miamisburg	4	7	Wayne	8	3
Wayne	5	4	Xenia	6	4
Xenia	6	1	Cincinnati Moeller	2	8
Cincinnati Moeller	10	5	Cincinnati Moeller	4	11
Cincinnati Moeller	8	6	Fairborn	11	6
Fairborn	8	1	Springfield North	25	0
Troy	6	5	Centerville	15	5
Troy	9	10	West Carrollton	11	12
West Carrollton	7	3	Trotwood Madison	14	7
Trotwood Madison	7	2	Beavercreek	7	6
Beavercreek	8	2	Chaminade-Julienne	11	8
Chaminade-Julienne	10	2	Northmont	2	8
Chaminade-Julienne	7	2	Northmont	2	5
Alter	8	3	Centerville	4	5
Centerville	1	3	Stebbins	6	0
Springfield North	16	8	Alter	8	3
Stebbins	10	1	Springfield South	12	11
Alter	1	9			
Wayne	9	8	**13-7**		
Columbus Hilliard	5	4			
Columbus Hilliard	10	9			

18-6

Tournament		
Patterson	13	6
Dunbar	9	0
Centerville	3	1
West Carrollton	9	4
Glen Este	1	4

HARD AND FAST! Using all his power, pitcher Craig Richey hurtles one down the middle toward the waiting Xenia Buccaneer. *Logan Photo*

"Pitching a game was expecially nerve wracking. On the day of a game I'd start getting pumped up during school so that I'd be ready when the time to play finally came around. Before the game I worked on concentration," said Richey.

BAD BOUNCE! Making an adjustment on the ball, sophomore Kelly York moves her glove down making a terrific play on a hard hit ball.
Logan Photo

GREAT SWING! In a clutch situation junior Tina Cukovecki gets a single to help keep the Firebirds in a close game with Beavercreek.
Logan Photo

Softball

Varsity		
Wayne	8	7
Chaminade-Julienne	5	7
Xenia	1	8
Lemon Monroe	17	7
Miamisburg	10	2
Miamisburg	9	7
Fairborn	17	4
Lakota	7	2
Springfield North	4	5
Belmont	10	5
Centerville	5	2
Wilmington	21	5
Wilmington	18	17
West Carrollton	8	4
Sidney	3	4
Springfield South	4	8
Chaminade-Julienne	2	8
Northmont	12	10
Beavercreek	13	8
Meadowdale	13	0
Princeton	21	2
Fairfield	3	6
Stebbins	24	4

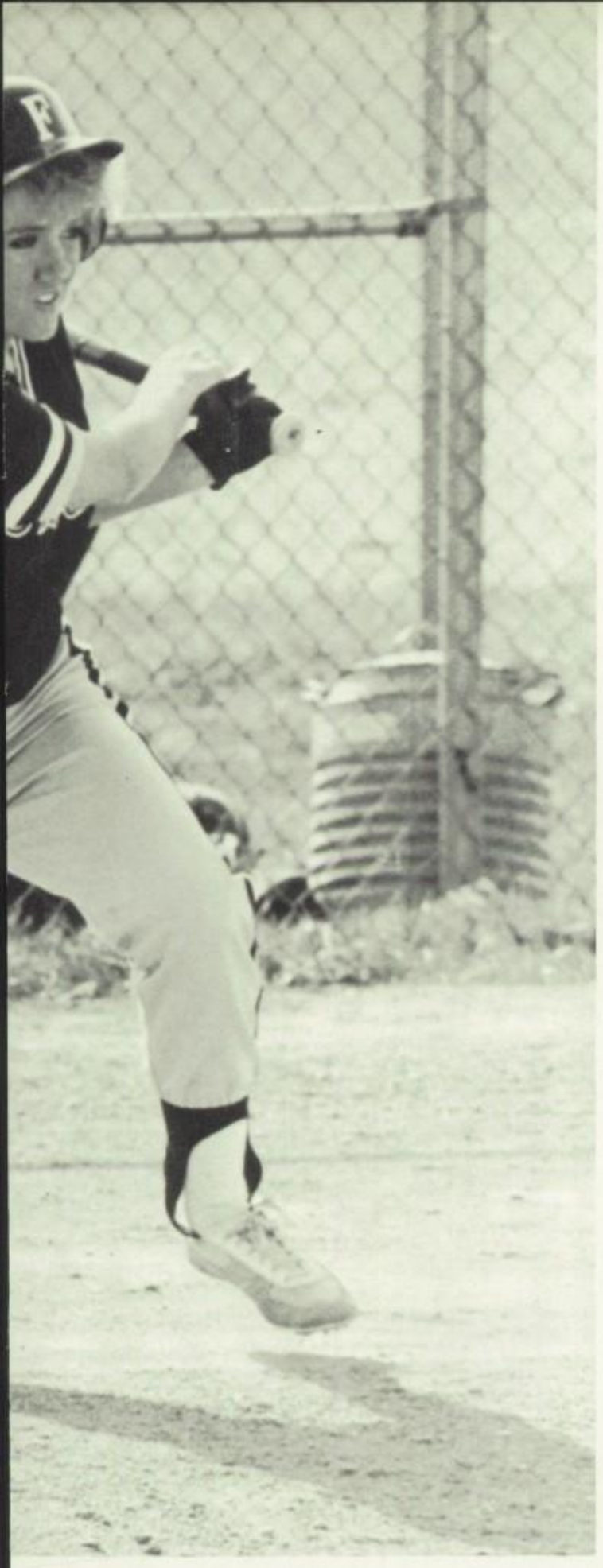
16-7

Reserves		
Wayne	16	21
Chaminade-Julienne	10	15
Xenia	15	1
Lemon Monroe	13	8
Miamisburg	9	4
Miamisburg	1	17
Fairborn	24	7
Lakota	14	11
Springfield North	28	3
Centerville	37	8
Brookville	7	13
West Carrollton	11	10
Sidney	19	4
Springfield South	7	9
Beavercreek	11	2
Princeton	12	11
Fairfield	7	18
Stebbins	17	1

12-6

GOOD FORM! Keeping her back foot on the base and eye on the ball, sophomore Laura Rakay makes an excellent play at first base during a JV game. *Logan Photo*

"I really progressed quite a long way this season on my fielding techniques. Last year at this time I'm not sure I could have made this kind of stop. But the help of my coaches and teammates have helped me a lot," said Rakay.



CONCENTRATE! Watching the ball into her glove senior Laura Brandenburg prepares herself for a great stop and accurate throw to first. *Logan Photo*

"Doing as well as we did in the tournament seemed to help ease some of the pains of somewhat disappointing season. Going into the tournament many people thought we didn't have much of a chance, but we made the semifinals," said Brandenburg.

Tourney heals WOUNDS for Firebirds

"Beating West Carrollton was a major turning point in our season because they had defeated us my sophomore year in the districts," replied senior Laura Brandenburg. "Each year our games are extremely close and they're our biggest rival," she continued.

Another game which proved a turning point in the Lady Bird's season happened late in the season with a victory over Beavercreek. "This win was especially sweet because Beavercreek had beaten us the year before by a score of 27-0," said Kathy Huelsman.

Fairmont had hoped for a league championship this year, but came up short and settled for fourth place instead. Huelsman replied, "We lost many close games that we should have won, but that is no excuse for poor play."

All seniors agreed that the season went faster this year than past seasons. Brandenburg stated, "As seniors, the other players seem to look up to you." She continued, "I also think that we were treated somewhat differently by the coach."

Both Huelsman and Brandenburg felt the team did not do as well as they could have. They attributed this to a over-rating before the season even started. "I presume people expected too much from us," stated Huelsman, "We were under pressure to live up to Fairmont's great tradition in softball."

Still, other factors contributed to the demise of the Lady Bird's season. Brandenburg rpelied, "We didn't get started really playing well until the latter part of the season," she continued, "Injuries were another factor that pulled the team down."

All players involved on the team agreed that Coach Jim Zink did and excellent job as varsity coach for Fairmont. They felt that he always expressed great patience with both upperclassmen and sophomores alike.

Seniors, juniors, and sophomores alike agreed that Brandenburg and Huelsman proved the most important and inspritational players on the team. "They were always in the game, and they kept everyone in the game," said sophomore Tracy Bornemann.

JV softball showed some bright spots this season. They destroyed Beavercreek and beat Princeton in extra innings. Bornemann remarked, "We had a somewhat good season, but like the varsity, we lost some games that we should not have lost. We are prepared to work hard and improve greatly over the summer, so look out for us in the upcoming season!"

Fairmont's varsity softball team advanced to the semi-finals of the district tournament by defeating Medowdale and Dunbar by scores of 27-3 and 19-5. Huelsman stated, "The team has played exceptionally well lately. In both games we had a total of only three errors.

Drew Harris

Tennis team VOLLEYS way to success

Boys' tennis, for the 1988 year, wound up with a 'fantastic season,' said Tim Voegli. With 22 matches and two tournaments, the team had a great season and pulled together to use excellent team work.

Strong points of the team included their tremendous versatility. "The doubles teams were practically even, so we could switch them around a lot until we found the right combination," said senior Steve Ruetschle. Ruetschle added, "The comraderie on the team helped a lot too. We were all tremendous friends and were very supportive of each other."

Spirit and team morale stayed high due to key players. Junior Bill Karr maintained this spirit with his personality and his competitveness. Ruetschle stated, "Bill was great. He was not only a great player but also a great teacher. He was always ready to help anyone if they needed help."

Sophomore Todd Rich proved an unsurpassing asset to the team. In the Spring Medley Rich defeated opponent Curt Josslyn, seeded number one in the section and qualifier for state competition in 1987. When asked how he felt after completing this difficult match, Rich replied, "Stunned at first. It was the greatest feeling to know you're good enough to beat someone that talented."

Coach Voegli and Rich Moore gained respect for the team because of their knowlege. Rich said of Voegeli, "He's the best coach in the area." Junior Dana Cresci described the team as a result of their excellent training from the coaches as having, 'professional quality.' "We had 100 percent hand-eye coordination because of our strenuous drills, and excellent physical ability as well," he said.

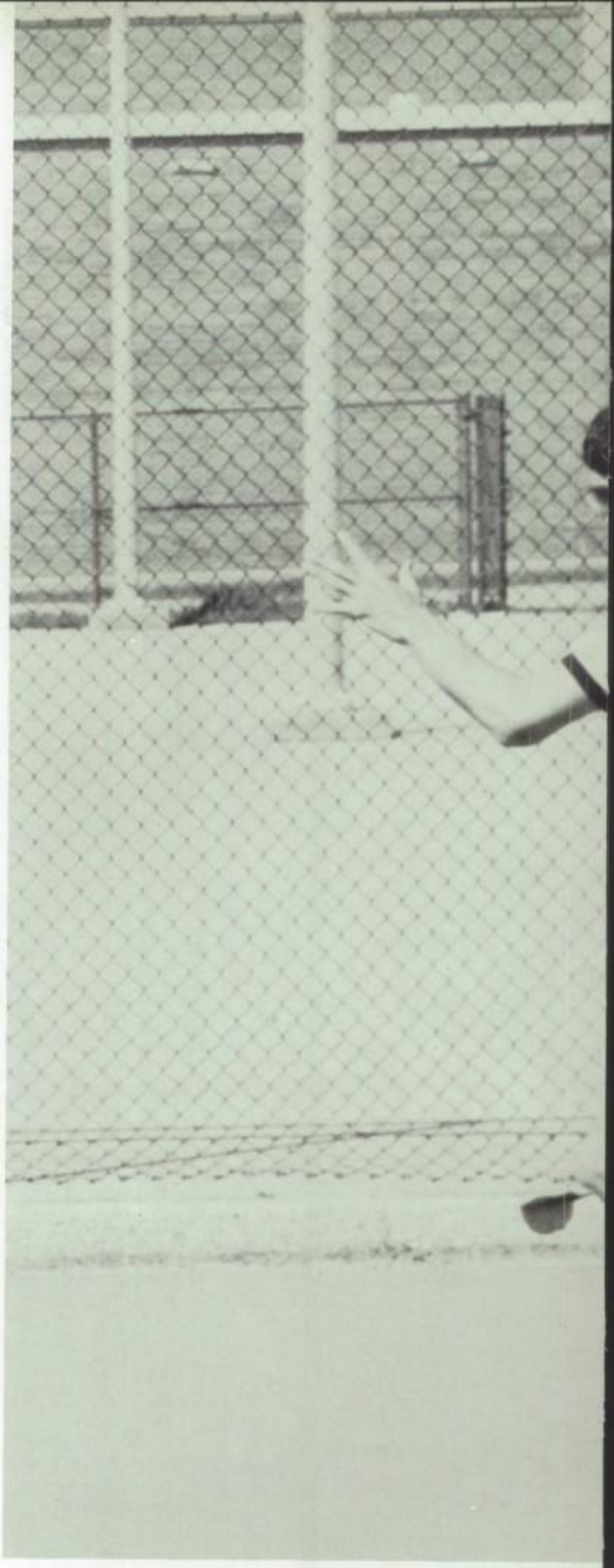
Team members practiced daily at 5:30 in the morning. Ruetschle claimed, "We had a vigorous and eye-opening practices in the morning. We would run five miles daily to build up our stamina. We also lifted weights daily and had isolation for our strokes."

Sophomores Jay Stump and John Clark made an excellent doubles team for the JV's. Stump said their highpoint of the season was during the Centerville tournament. "We received third place against a lot of good people and it felt great," said Stump. He went on to say, "Clark and I worked well together. We usually killed our opponent in two sets."

Seniors Richie Sherick and Chris Wones held the position of first doubles. Wones quoted, "I had a lot of fun with Richie. We worked really well together and had an awesome season."

Coachability held a strong point on this team. Moore said of the J.V., "They were easy to mold. They took what I said in stride and used my advice to its fullest potential." Voegeli claimed, "Depth was one of our greatest assets. All the boys played at the same level, making it easy to interchange them." Both coaches agreed on one fact, 'this was a fantastic season.'

Tina Lindquist



SLAM! Using all his strength, sophomore Todd Rich overheads the ball for an unreturnable hit. His expertise helped him with a good season. *Logan Photo*

"I had the handicap of having the sun in my eyes, but I still won big. I knew I wasn't up for a hard match, playing against West Carrollton, but after we started playing, I was able to relax and enjoy the fun of the game," stated Rich.

CONCENTRATE! Senior Richie Sherick proves his ability on the court with an excellent forehand. He worked well with his partner, senior Chris Wones. *Logan Photo*

STRETCH! Preparing for a tough match, seniors Chris Wones and Richie Sherick practice for the Spring Medley. They won the match against Alter. *Logan Photo*

Boys' Tennis

Varsity

Northmont	3	2
Xenia	5	0
Alter	0	5
Stebbins	4	1
Troy	2	3
Seven Hills	3	2
Vandalia Butler	5	0
Fairborn	5	0
Chaminade-Julienne	4	1
Springfield North	5	0
Forest Park	5	0
Miami Valley	5	0
West Carrollton	5	0
Lakota	3	2
Centerville	0	5
Oakwood	3	2
Beavercreek	4	1
Patterson	5	0
Springfield South	5	0
Sidney Lehman	5	0
Wilmington	3	2
Northmont	3	2
Wayne	5	0

20-4

JV

Northmont	1	4
Xenia	5	3
Alter	5	1
Colonel White	6	1
Stebbins	3	0
Troy	4	1
Oakwood	4	3
Vandalia Butler	1	4
Fairborn	1	6
Colonel White	4	3
Springfield North	2	3
Xenia	4	4
Miami Valley	3	3
Lakota	2	3
Oakwood	5	2
Beavercreek	3	5
Carroll	2	4
Miami Valley	7	0
Wayne	4	2

10-2-7

STEADY! Working hard to set a style all his own, sophomore Kevin Burr shines on the court. He played outstandingly to make varsity. *Logan Photo*

"I was really playing well that day, and nothing could stop me. The end score was 6-0, 6-1, and the coach was really proud of me. My opponent was perfectly matched to me; we were both second singles. My serve was a little off, but went in," he said.

GO FAIRMONT! Showing their newest cheer, the varsity basketball cheerleaders keep the crowd entertained during the half-time and rouse the crowd. *Logan Photo*

PRIDE! Football cheerleaders, Lori Knoop and Robin Beaulieu provide an exciting show for the huge crowd. The participated in the Labor Day parade. *Logan Photo*

WE'RE NUMBER ONE! During a match against Springfield South, the cheerleaders hope for a Fairmont pin. Later, the wrestlers won the tourney. *Logan Photo*

SPIRIT! During an intense play in a soccer game, Sophia Quach keeps the fans' hopes up as she cheers the players on despite the cold weather. *Logan Photo*

Sophia Quach commented on how pride and work makes a cheerleader feel. "Lots of time goes into supporting the teams and keeping spirits up, but I found it to be worth it. I feel very proud when I see the students at Fairmont come together to cheer the team on."

IMPRESSIVE! Julie Hastings looks proudly to the crowd as she performs one of her favorite cheer, made to entertain the numerous basketball fans. *Logan Photo*

Julie Hastings proudly explains the feeling of victory. "Cheerleading is so rewarding when you know you helped to keep spirits of the players, parents, and the student body high through the ups and the downs of the basketball game. This makes cheering a blast."

Spirit wins VICTORY with students

B-E-A-T BEAT 'UM! Many chants and cheers echoed in the minds of Fairmont fans throughout the year. Through many smiles and tears, the cheerleaders lifted the spirits of players, parents, and fans. The girls, who filled the 44 positions open in April, had a load of hard work ahead of them.

In August, the cheerleaders went to Wittenberg University, site of the National Cheerleaders Association Spirit Camp. They spent four exhausting days learning many new chants, cheers, and dances for the upcoming seasons. Camp helped to make squads get along with each other better. Quoted Wendy Robey, "Camp was a blast; my squad become closer and we had a great time."

Returning from camp, the cheerleaders received numerous awards. They competed against other high schools to prove their abilities. They brought home many superior, excellent, and good ribbons due to their unforgettable performances. As a school they received one of the top awards, the spirit stick, every day at camp.

Cheerleading advisers also kept busy throughout the year. Patti Brua, Jennifer Tonkin, Wanda Tapp, and Linda Woods scheduled meetings once a week to discuss games and transportation. "The cheerleading advisers this year were more than advisers, they were our friends," stated junior Penny Pummill.

For the sports seasons the girls had a lot to do. The cheerleaders spent endless hours making signs and perfecting routines for their games. Senior Stacey Hayes said, "It's a lot of hard work, harder than most people think, but it is so much fun to cheer our team on." As in the past, the cheerleaders colorfully decorated the players' houses before the big Centerville game.

Tournaments added excitement to the seasons. The involvement of the student body impressed all the cheerleaders. Pummill commented, "The basketball tournament at UD arena was awesome. The spirit our fans had was outstanding and the team played awesomely."

At the end of the seasons, banquets brought an end to victories and defeats. The girls cheerfully gave the guys collages and memories of their seasons. The guys gave the cheerleaders stuffed animals and keychains in appreciation of their hard work.

Throughout the season, the girls experienced the triumph of victory and the agony of defeat. They all kept their spirits high in every situation. They agreed that the hard work paid off and found pride in representing their high school.

Jennifer Wiseman

THE WINNER IS! Jim Raiff presents senior Joe Weinel with the Booster Scholarship for his outstanding athletic achievements in high school. *Murdock Photo*

THE LAST ROUNDUP! At the track banquet, athletic director Sherm Bauser presents Bob Kritzer with an award for his years of coaching track at Fairmont. *Murdock Photo*

Students get AWARDS at banquets

Each year Fairmont holds several seasonal sports banquets honoring students for their outstanding athletic achievements. The banquets took place in Fairmont's cafeteria. Each student brought a covered dish, and parents and family members attended the feast. After they ate they separated into their individual sports and awards presented.

Senior Steve Schoephoerster had this to say after he recieved the award for the best offensive lineman, "I am really proud of this award. It shows that the years of long, hard work and dedication do pay off."

However, not everyone received awards. But the good food satisfied these people plenty. At the winter banquet, senior Doug Ray had this to say about the food, "The food was always really good; a lot of variety. One could easily gain 20 pounds after the banquet was over. There was so much to choose from." These banquets proved a success for everyone involved.

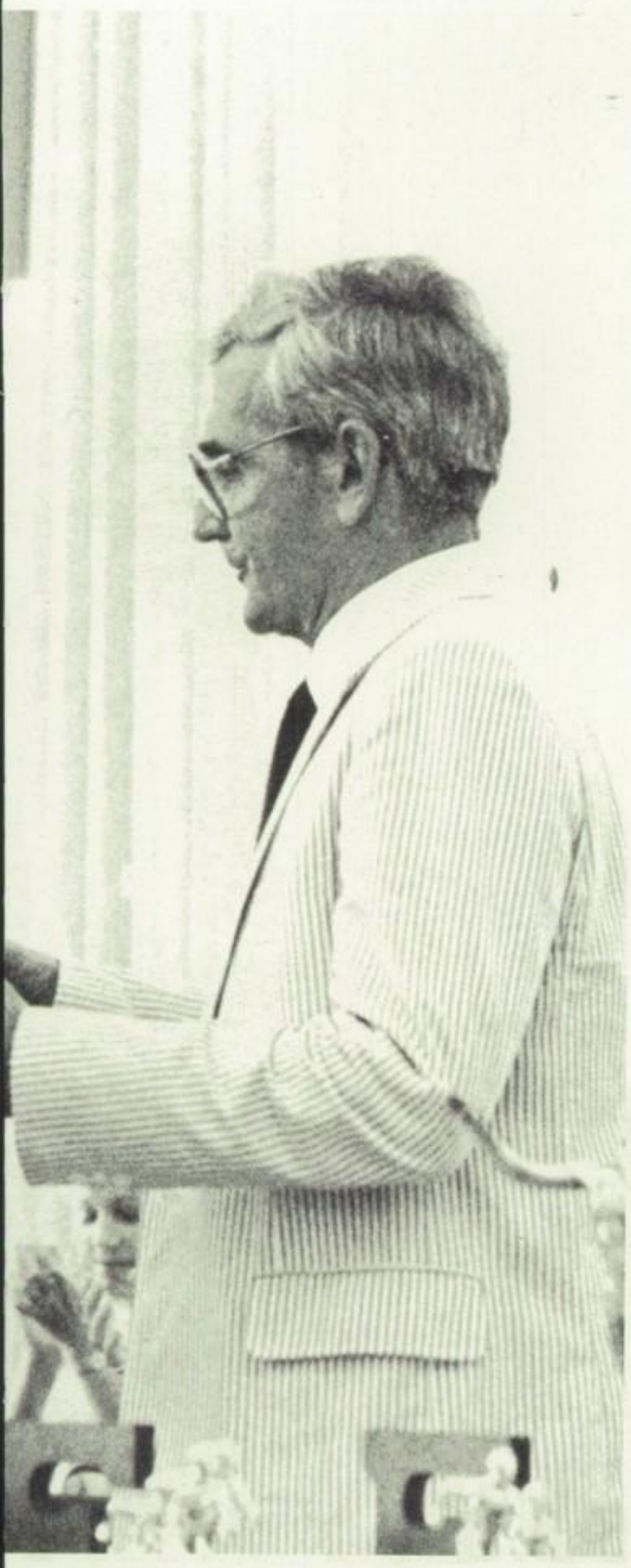
Tracy Lenthe

CONGRATULATIONS! During a winter banquet, sophomore Janet Paulaskas receives her most-improved swimmer award from Coach Patty Garpstas. *Murdock Photo*

"It was really quite an honor for me. I never really expected it. I did feel I had improved since last year though. But I couldn't have done it without the help of my coach. I really enjoyed working with her," stated Paulaskas.

THANK YOU! Sophomore Kathy Jones receives her letter award from Scott Counts for her outstanding athletic participation on the girls track team. *Youngkin Photo*

NICE JOB! Scott Counts awards senior Barb Cashdollar for her achievement in field. She received the most valuable in the field events award. *Youngkin Photo*



CONGRATULATIONS! Doug Scmidt honors senior Klint Rose with the most-valuable football player award at the fall banquet for the 1987 football season. *Murdock Photo*

"It was quite an honor for me to receive the most-valuable player award. We all gave 100% the whole season and it paid off. Although I was proud of my award I couldn't have done it without the rest of the team," said Rose.

YOU DID IT! Receiving the most-valuable girls tennis player award, sophomore Jeannie Mayne recieves her award from coach Jim Andrews at the fall banquet. *Murdock Photo*

"This year was a great experience for me. Even though I was only a sophomore,everyone was very helpful and full of advice. Getting the most valuable award was especially thrilling and helped make this year a year to remember!" exclaimed Mayne.

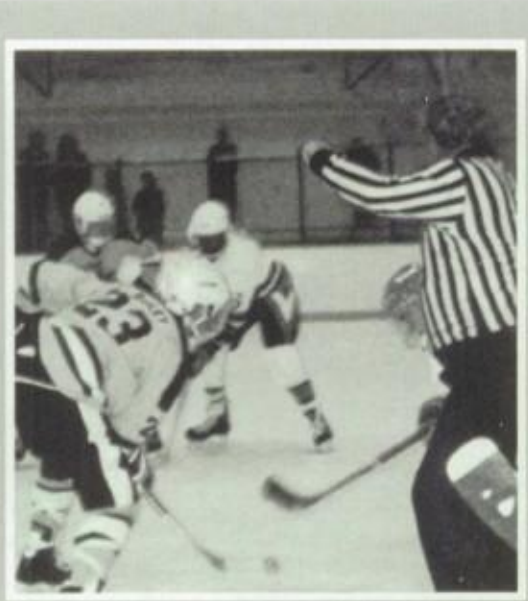
SLICK! Fairmont icer Steve Shaw moves the puck down the ice to score. He scored two more times to finish the season with a total of three hat tricks. *Logan Photo*

EXCITING! Sophomore Bill Sipe watches with enthusiasm as the Firebird hockey team takes on Moeller. They played Moeller for the last game of the season. *Logan Photo*

READY! Before game time sophomore Jenny Jones prepares the basketball team's essential items. Jenny served as a trainer during the season and tournament. *Logan Photo*

FACE OFF! As the game starts junior Todd Bailey gets cent to center. Bailey played for Fairmont two years and served as one of the tri-captains in 1988. *Logan Photo*

"When the referee blows the whistle for a face off, the crowd becomes quiet. The winner gets an advantage to go on and try to score, so it is important to get it. When he drops the puck the one feeling is to win," stated Bailey.



MANEUVERS. Setting up a play sophomore Ty Conley prepares to score for Fairmont. The team gave Moeller a run for their money in the last league game. *Logan Photo*

"When a player sees someone open in front of the goaly he has to get the puck there as fast as he possibly can. When dodging other players it's even harder so the player has to have complete concentration," commented Conley.

Hockey looks EXCITING like trainers

At Fairmont hockey remained a club. Many schools in the Western Ohio League sent students to Fairmont to play the game of hockey. This year, the team consisted of teammates from Alter, Northmont, and Beavercreek. Most of the guys started palying as young as five, so the situation did not surprise them. The players usually met at the Kettering Recreation Center to practice three times a week.

Early problems arose quickly. A new rule surprised the players and coaches. The new rule said that coaches could only play four teammates from other schools in league games. Since the marjority of the team consisted of these players, it proposed quite a damper on the team having a good season.

Teammates gave their points of view pertaining to this new rule. Senior tri-captain Bob Kastler put it as, "A threat against us. All the other teams in the league knew we became good enough to beat them so they made up the four-man rule." Junior tri-captain Todd Bailey commented, "I just wanted all the seniors to play. It seemed unfair for them not to."

This rule first became challenged when the Firebirds played the Elks. Luckily, coaches scheduled three games for the teams. That way players could rotate so everyone could play once. When Fairmont met Centerville the first two times, they lost one and tied one. But, the third time the Birds took their revenge and smashed the Elks 11-4.

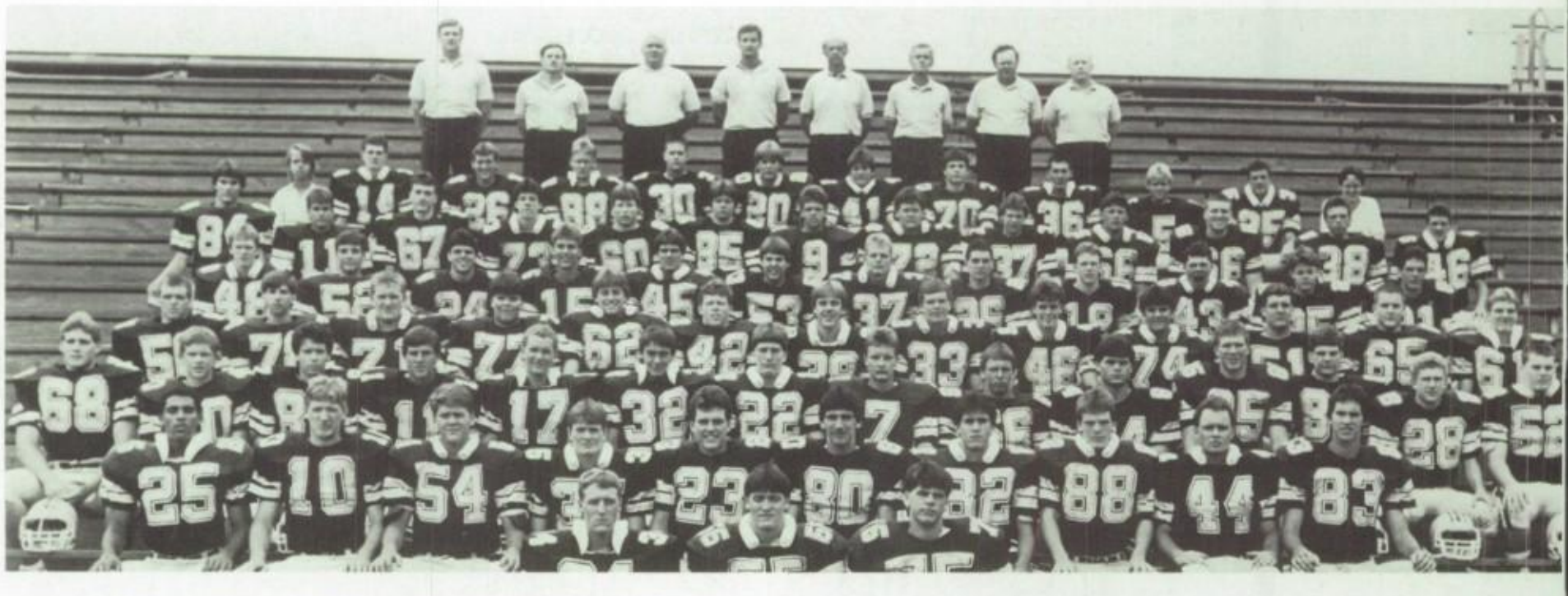
Many aggravating situations came about for the players during their season. Some wished the team got acknowledged as a sport. Others wished they received more credit. Though their victory over Centerville highlighted the season, the outcome really didn't matter. As long as the guys kept on playing hockey, they remained happy.

Another group that often didn't get the recognition they deserved seemed to do all their work behind the scenes. This group of people took good care of the stars everyone watched out on the courts and fields.

These people iced sore legs and taped weak ankles. They even lugged heavy coolers on and off the buses. They kept things organized and even took stats. Who did the "do everything" people mane themselves? Well, they got stamped as managers and trainers.

To these hardworking people the attention did not matter. Track manager Jennifer Mohrman said, "It seemed a fun way to get involved without practice" An idea that stood for all.

Heather McCormick



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TENNIS-Front Row: Jeannie Mayne, Wendy Gillam, Kelly Hamby, Tracey Hamby, Kristin Dunkle, Muffy Clutter, Holly Hopkins, Lori Case, Holly Hayden, Kelli Brown, Traci Hunter. **Second Row:** Christine Martin, Nancy Huber, Michele Putnam, Phuong Pham, Sheri Cole, Lori Raby, Jane Kemper, Stacy Seibert, Angie Hambrick, Thai Pham, Jenni Foster, Holly Basford. **Back Row:** Jim Andrews, Lynn Wetherholt, Amy Hammer, Susan Anderson, Lisa Scheidt, Anne Meckstroth, Jenny Meyer, Stacey Golden, Pam Rollins, Sophia Jeng, Rich Moore.

GOLF-Front Row: Jason Selke, Eric Eby, Brian Harris, Terry Carr, Ben Lickliter, Keith Breitenstein, Dave Snow. **Back Row:** Diana Schwab, James Snow, Randy Yoder, Charlie Petzold, Chad Kemper, Rob Polvino, Chris Flanary, Dave Shields, Mike Klopfer.

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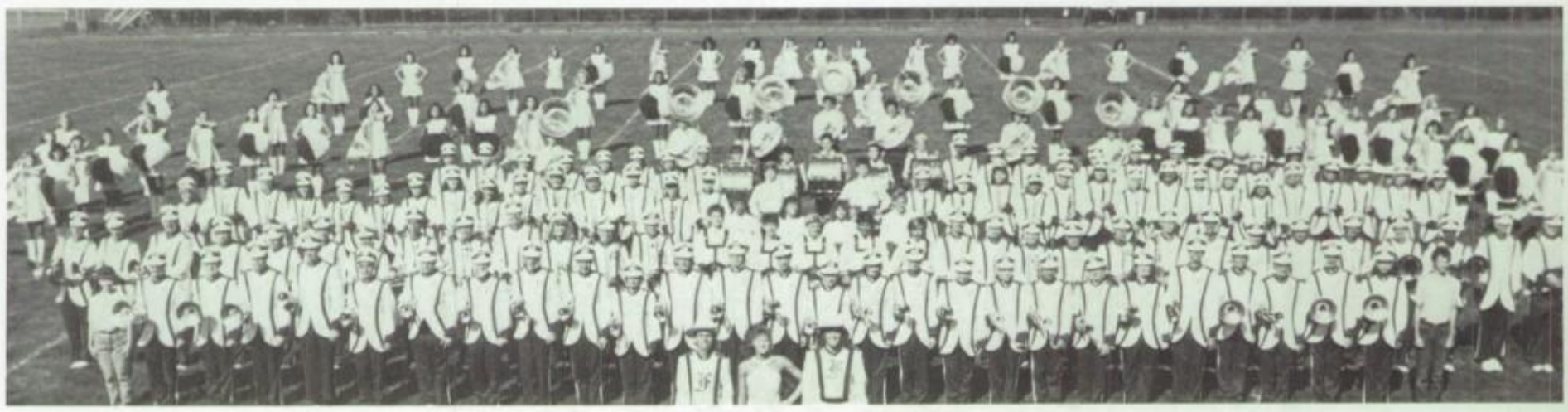

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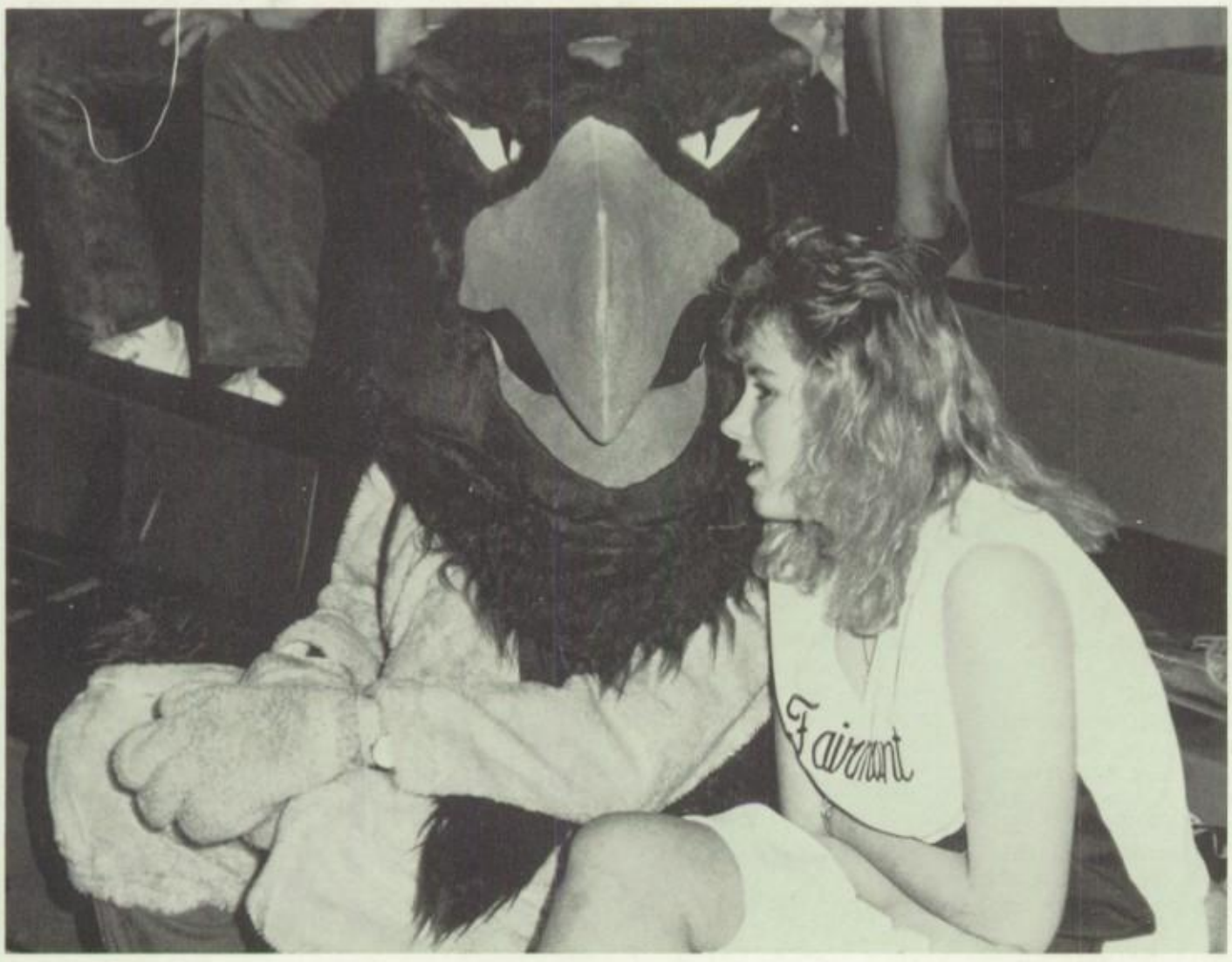
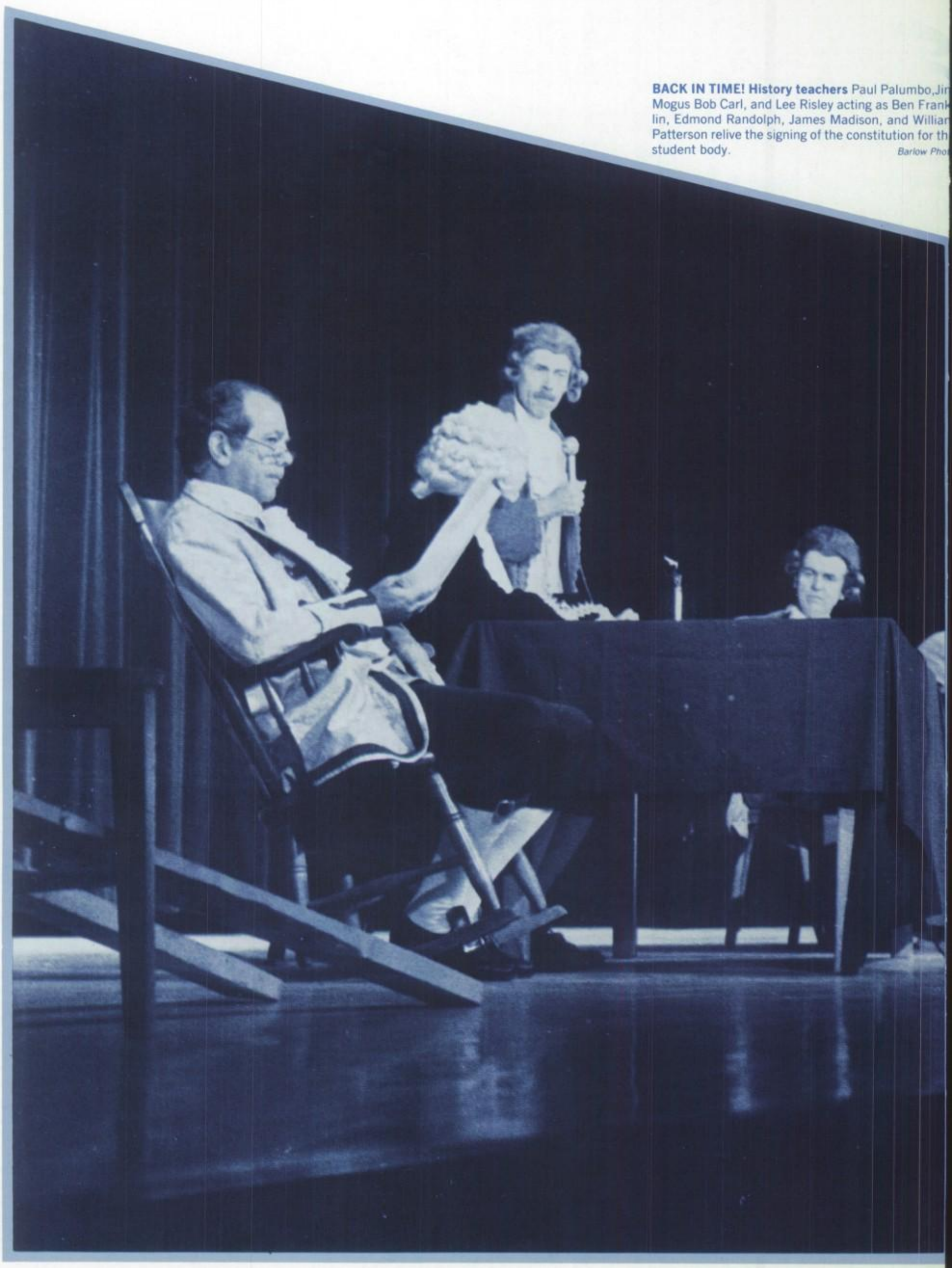
BLUE BAND Front Row: Bill Budde, Suzzane Sladins, Wendy Blosser, Stacy Long, Heidi Heitz-Hadorn, Amy Koyle, Crissy Lauterbach, Dena Fauver. **Second Row:** Karen Kreitzer, Sharon Jones, Heather Musson, Stacy McGovern, Pam Arnold, Tanya Schelling, Kim Cates, Jennifer Roseberry, Jon Berlow, Christine Stafford, Tosha Carey, Melanie Greene, Jennifer Finkam, Amy Wehrley, Michelle Killinen, Tracy Warner, Joann Horsely. **Third Row:** Chuck Kessler, Doug Haines, Chris Barber, Greg Smith, Matt Hancock, Ken Moyer, Steve Ivy, Erin Kinser, Mike Wudke, Rob Shover, James Shover, Monte Burge, Mike Strickland, Walt Winslow, Pat Dugan, Matt Killenen, John Curran, Chad Dodd, Joe Reichert, Kristy Weidner, Cindy Brock, Angie Webb, Jennifer Montgomery. **Back Row:** James Probasco, Tim Hack, Brad Clever, Ron Simko, Mike Newberry, Dave Everman, Scott Stein, Todd Waker, Tom LLewellyn, Kevin Witwer.



STRAIGHT DOWN THE LINE! Kelly Spang, senior, leads flute and piccolo players. Often, the piccolo players had to adapt flute parts to play. *Logan Photo*

BIRD TALK! Sophomore Denise Carter talks to Sparky, alias spirited junior Allen Wolf, while waiting to hear the starting line-ups. *Logan Photo*



BACK IN TIME! History teachers Paul Palumbo,Jir Mogus Bob Carl, and Lee Risley acting as Ben Frank lin, Edmond Randolph, James Madison, and Willian Patterson relive the signing of the constitution for th student body. *Barlow Phot*

Excuses To Join!

From required classes to extra-cuuricular activities, Fairmont students had EVERY EXCUSE IN THE BOOK to get involved in school functions. With the variety of subjects to choose from, many students passed the school day with elective classes such as typing and marriage and family living, while others kept busy with hand-on training and a job to help them get an early start from the vocational department.

As the school day ended, many students got involved in the clubs and organizations available to them. FBLA grew larger from last year, along with many of the language clubs. United Student Body brought together spirit to help aid Christopher Neff. Many students worked hard to get school information out by means of WKET and the Flyer. Being involved in these activities gave students the chance to meet new people as while as learn through their new experiences.

- ☐ **"I can't make the meeting, I have to work."**
- ☐ **"My mom left for work with my books in the car."**
- ☐ **"My brother needs me at home to fix him lunch."**
- ☐ **"You set my deadline for next Friday not today."**
- ☐ **"I swear my hamster ate my homework."**

WHAT'S GOING ON? As the action goes on,Jay Murdock yells instructions to his JCL soccer players, while Katie Morgan and Jeanette Brown look on.
Barlow Photo

WINNIE! This Holiday-at-Home float seems quite an attraction as the many spectators gaze upward. Fairmont placed third with the float. *Murdock Photo*

FOOD, FOOD, FOOD! Many Fairmont students help package the cans accumulated throughout the week. The food drive provided leftovers to food pantries. *Murdock Phtoto*

SPIRITED

For first year ever, Fairmont beats Elks in annual spirit-chain competition

Last summer, senior Tom Rau, commissioner of projects, and others started off the United Student Body activities with the construction of a float for Holiday-at-Home. This Winnie-the-Pooh float won a third place award.

For Fairmont, the traditional spirit-chain competition came during football season, where students worked together to raise money to help Candlelighters, a support group for parents of kids with cancer.

For the first year, USB collected 3,000 dollars, enough money to beat Centerville, and with a combined total of about 6,000 dollars, the Candlelighters, including Christopher Neff, seemed quite thankful.

Senior Joe Carson, commissioner of pep and school spirit, ended that week with a pep rally saying, "Even though the game may not have been won, I had fun with the fans."

Thanksgiving arrived as Fairmont held its annual food drive. Students brought canned goods from home along with any small contributions, to help 46 families throughout the area.

But not only did Fairmont bring food and money to the families, the school brought smiles to their faces as a total of 4000 food items accumulated and 2500 dollars.

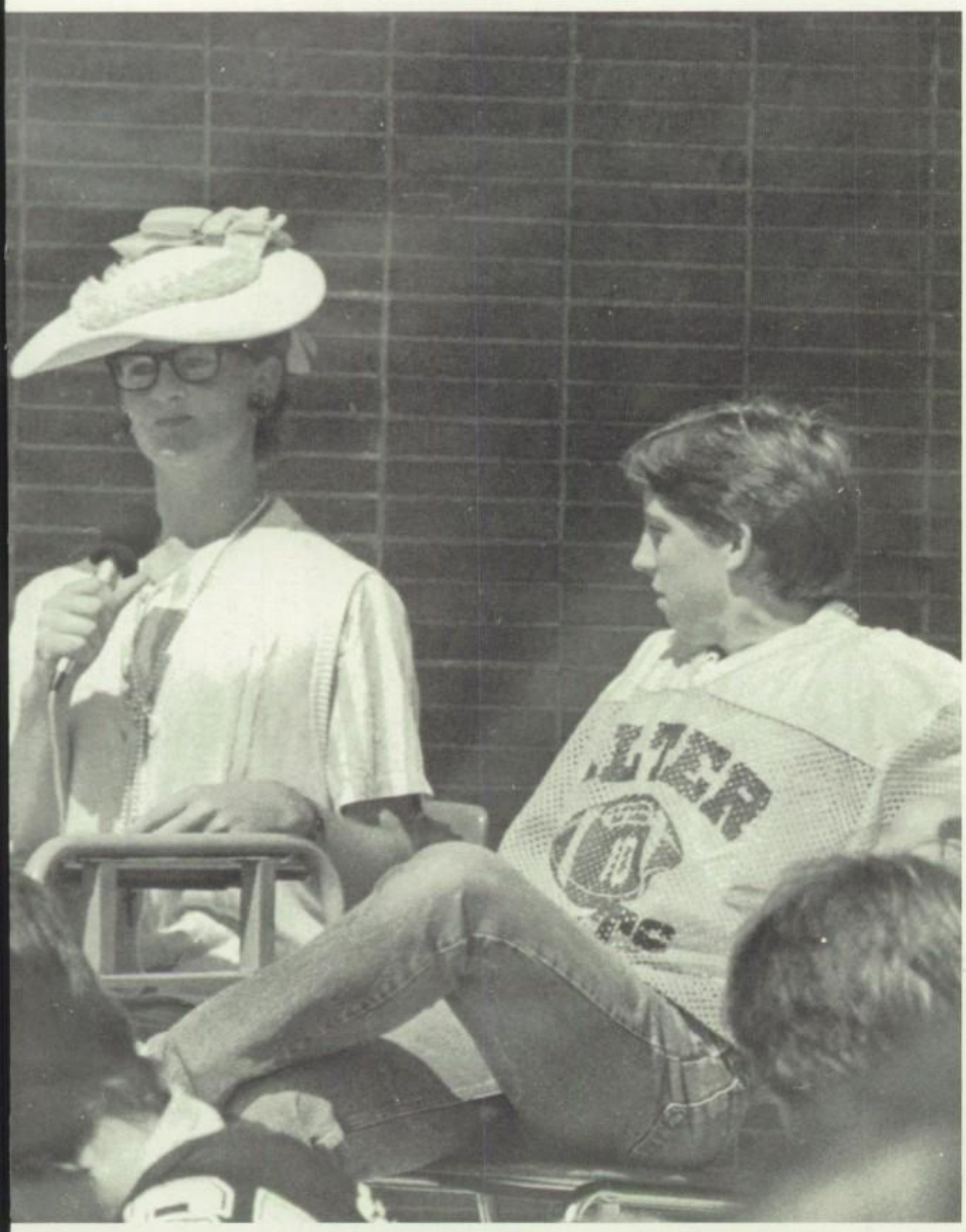
Next came the Christmas season, a time when the sophomores participated by taking pictures of students with Santa. Sophomore class council member, Mike Columbus, said, "These pictures were a good success and a good way to make money." Students, dressed as elves, decked the halls and delivered Christmas cards. Juniors held the Christmas dance with 200 couples in attendance.

Spring rolled around and the carnation sale went under way. One could purchase a flower for only one dollar, helping Fairmont to raise nearly $500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Turnabout dance, hosted by the seniors, put a little romance in people's hearts. Senior Jenny Quarin, replied, "Even though our council didn't work too hard on decorations, it seemed like a great turnout and a lot of fun for all."

Mr. Roger Bauser, the USB adviser, said that money also came from selling daffodils for the Cancer Society, and through the blood drive, which resulted in the drawing of 250 pints of blood. Kristen Dunkle, president of the USB, concluded, "All of the projects we did were a lot of work, but they were made easy by Mr. Bauser and fellow students."

Katie Coleman



SPIRIT! Senior Chris McManus along with junior, Alan Wolf acting as the church lady, try to pump up the fans during the Alter-Fairmont pep rally. *Mallory Photo*

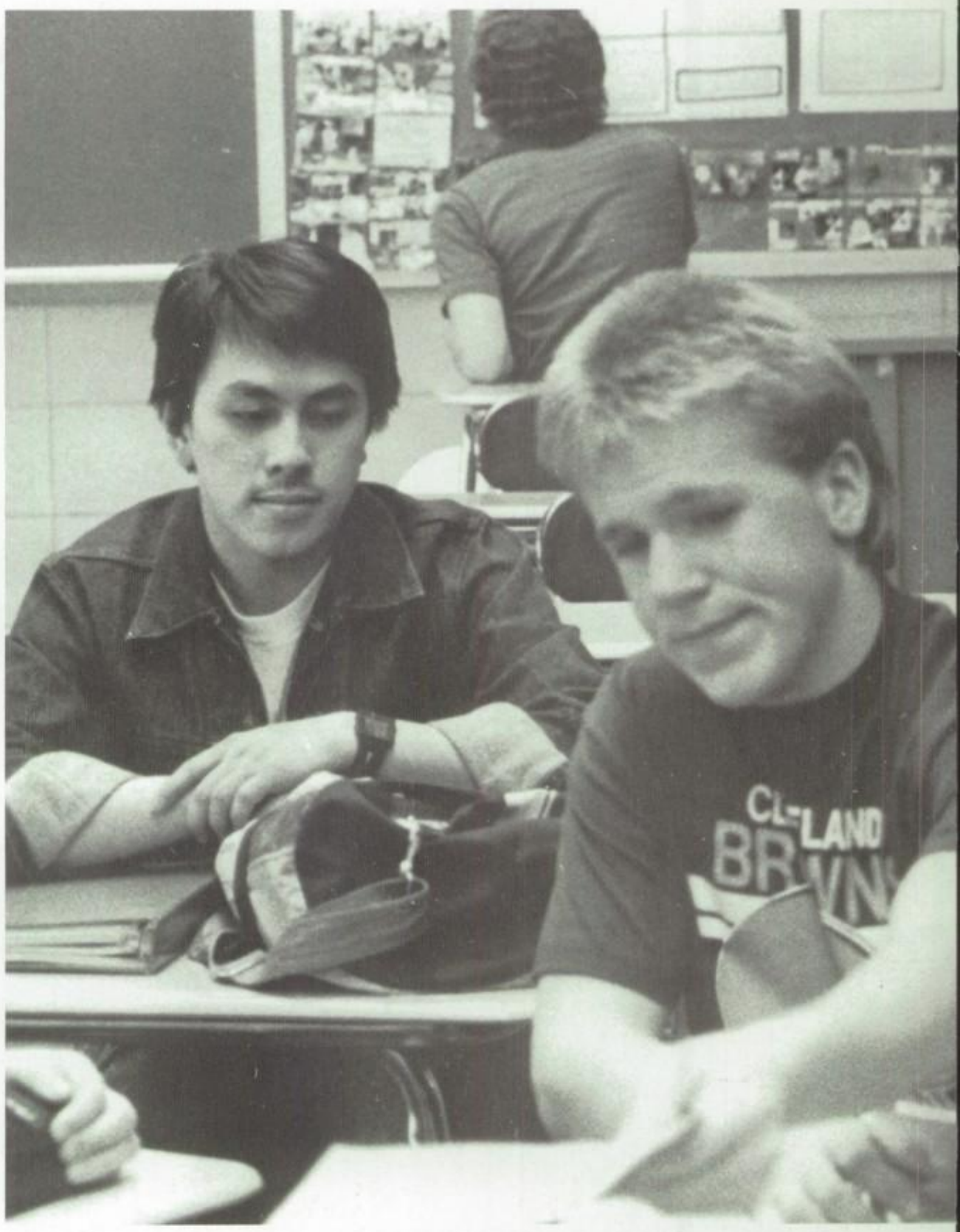
DON'T FALL! Testing his balance senior Mike Quinn works from a ladder putting up lobby decorations. Seniors used the Birds McKenzie theme. *Murdock Photo*

ROWDY! During spirit week, most seniors get involved in the fun by participating in a game of beachball volleyball in the central unit lobby. *Murdock Photo*

DECISIONS! Roger Bauser, along with seniors Ann Murphy, Jana Katsuyama, and Chris McManus work hard to choose the best possible backdrop. . . . . *Murdock Photo*

PREPARATIONS! Jim Berlon, Cuong Du, along with other Math club members organize and make club plans. Club members grouped together like this about once a month. *Barlow Photo*

DECISIONS! Senior Jon Bretz contemplates his next move against Beavercreek. The well-planned move helped his victory at the Fairmont tournament. *Murdock Photo*



BRAINWORK! Senior Jeffery McManus works diligently to finish off his last Math League test. All Math club seniors exerted an extra effort to end the year. *Mallory Photo*

EXPLANATIONS! Math club adviser, Dianne Olix tries to make herself clear while showing charts to the club during an after-school meeting. *Mallory Photo*

HUH? During a Math club meeting, senior Deborah Wagner struggles to pay attention to club activities. Participation and cooperation made the club successful. *Mallory Photo*

CONCENTRATION! Sophomore Lynn Wetherholt watches her opponent make his move on the board. She went on and captured that match to help the Firebird victory. *Murdock Photo*

COMPETITIVE!

Math, Chess clubs compete for awards as well as for after-school excitement

What did both the Math and the Chess Club have in common? Both groups contained a select number of students ranging from the academic genius to those just looking for fun. Sometimes not receiving the recognition they deserved, these students felt proud of their accomplishments.

To a non-member, Math club may sound like a club where dedicated students sit around and talk about numbers. According to Diane Olix and Lori Cole, advisers, a lot more went on in this club than numbers and equations.

Throughout the year guest speakers came to the meetings and spoke. Speakers included a professor and an engineering student from Ohio State, and teacher Bill Kramer. The Math club members met about once a month to discuss future plans.

One highlight for the club consisted of a trip to Toronto, Canada. The trip included a visit to the Ontario Science Center, a boat and bus tour, and a murder mystery dinner.

Math club derived from the math courses offered at Fairmont. Students eager to extend their love for math out of the classroom, joined the club. President, Richie Sherick, commented, "The club started last year and I decided to join because I liked learning how math relates to the real world."

Fairmonts' Chess club, often an unnoticed club, came out of its' worst season with pride. Many people wondered what attracts someone to play chess. Sophomore Charlie Rose noted, "I don't know. I began playing chess when I was a child."

Though only three chess players returned this year, the first day showed a big crowd. Team adviser, Jeff Claus said, "The team started out promising. I'm sorry things ended the way they did."

In the Fairmont tournament. the team placed seventh. Jon Bretz played on the first board, David Michel on the second board, John Harm on the third and on fourth board, sophomore Steve Ivy.

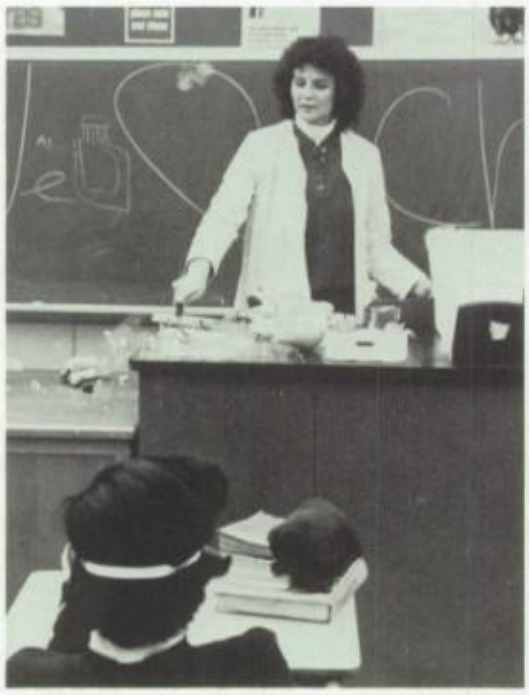
Hard competition made for some extremely happy outcomes. All the schools entered a "B" team which gave other players the chance to compete. Sophomores Charlie Rose, Mark Koch, Lynn Wetherholt, Steve Harm and junior Pat Dugan played for Fairmont. The tournament hosted 15 teams.

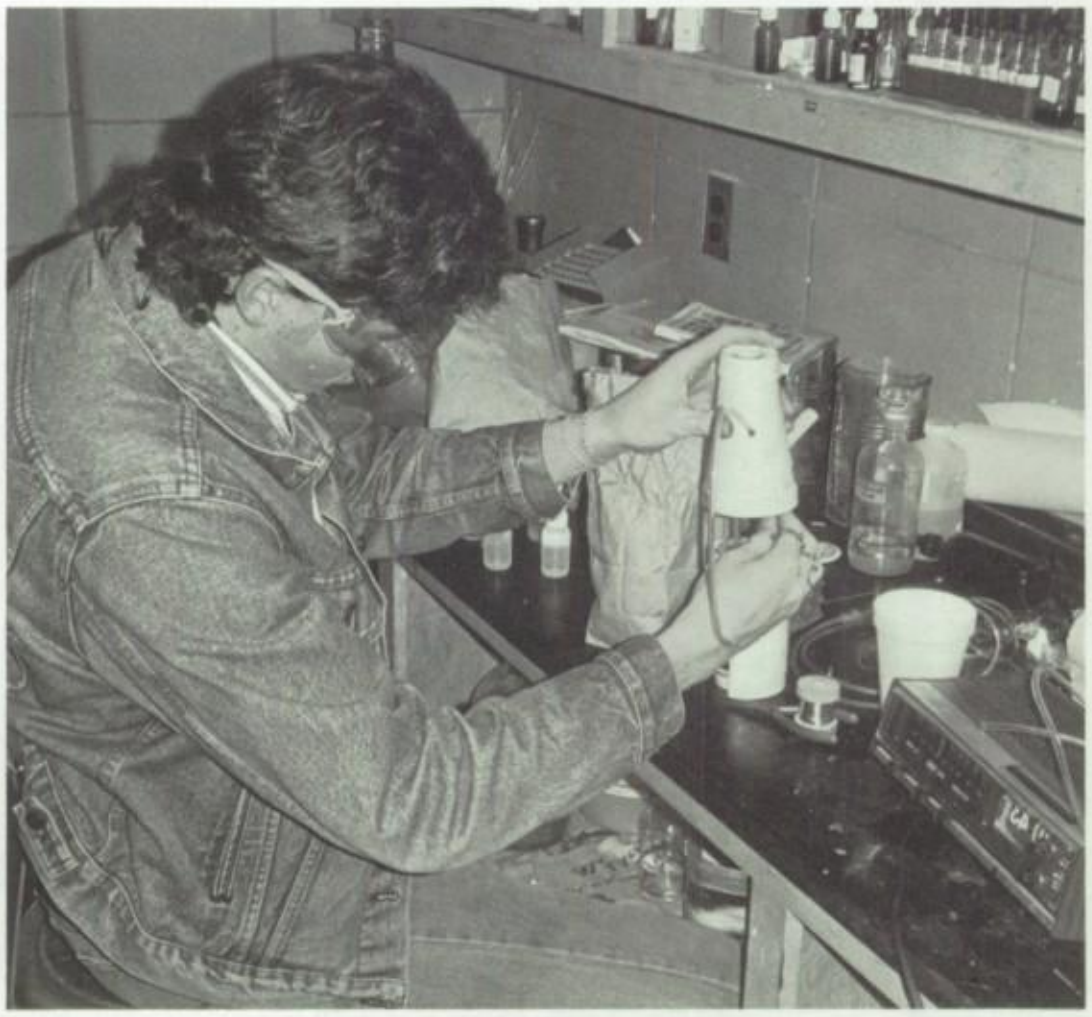
Saddened by their final season, seniors looked back on their years at Fairmont with pride. They knew their accomplishments made them a class to remember, noticed or not.

Heather McCormick & Michelle Schoenung

TESTING! Science Olympiad contestant, senior John Harm, prepares the calorimeter for competition. Harm constructed the calorimeter himself. *Murdock Photo*

SHATTERING! Junior chemistry student Dianna Brown watches as teacher Patricia Hansgen demonstrates liquid nitrogen. Students marveled at the effects. *Murdock Photo*





EXAMINE!

Olympiad, nationally observed day, canoeing register as top events for scientists

Kaboom! Even though most lab experiments went as planned, a few didn't. The students in chemistry and physics received lab assignments on a regular basis. Labs played an important part in the learning process but couldn't have been done with out thorough instructions and explanation first.

Fairmont's science instructors planned a different kind of class for National Science Day. "We tried to do experiments that had both visual and audible effacts, they were to show the students that science is not just facts and figures but can be interesting," said chemistry teacher Ed Perry.

Fairmont's Science club engaged in many activities, including an annual trip to the Cincinnati Zoo, exotic feline show, and the club's biggest activity, Science Olympiad.

Cathryn Hilker, from the Cincinnati Zoo, presented a show. The "Cat Ambassadors" consisted of a lynx, a cheetah, a mountain lion, and a few trained house pets. "The show had a few very exotic felines, and dealt with the basic needs of endangered species," replied Kay Eber.

Science club's biggest activity, Science Olympiad, contained different events and challenged the minds of everyone who participated. Over 6,000 schools, from all 50 states, competed in the events. "I joined Science club because it not only looked interesting to me, but also introduced me to peoople with similar interests," remarked junior Renee Roesner.

Fairmont's Outdoors club became as active and gave them a chance to get out into nature in ways that they hadn't thought of before. "It's a great chance to meet people and use the freedom of the outdoors," commented president Bret Kramer.

One popular and well attended activity became the canoe trip. The students went in the fall and in the spring. They canoed in many different places, such as the Little Miami river. "For the first time canoeing, I had a lot of fun and looked forward to the next trip," replied Roesner.

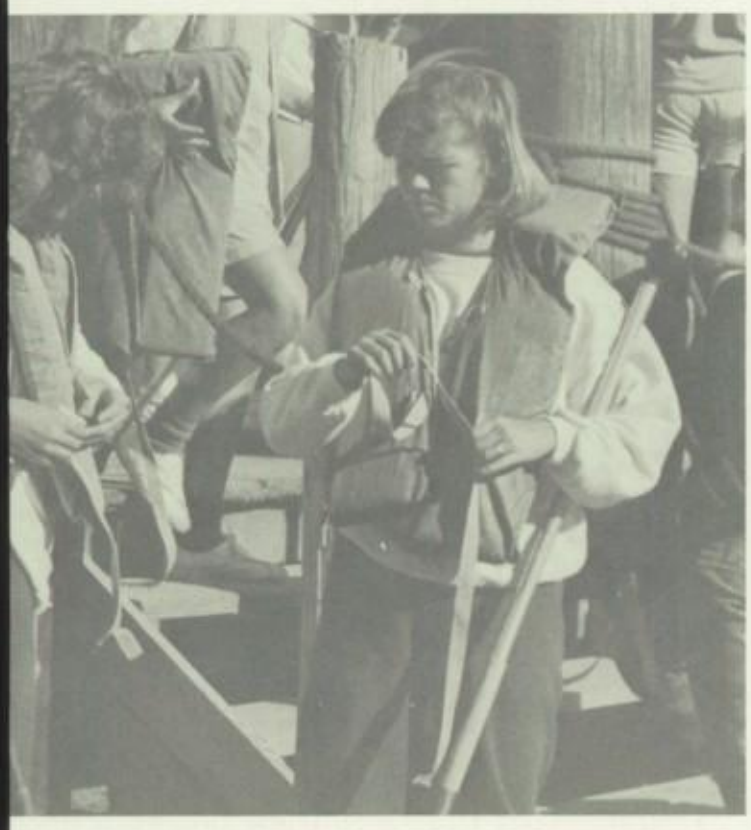
Canoe trips became big, but not the only events. Camp Kern retreat comprised another favorite. Activities included canoeing, flour-ball fights, horse-back riding, and square dancing. A square dance caller came to give a few of the finer points to the members.

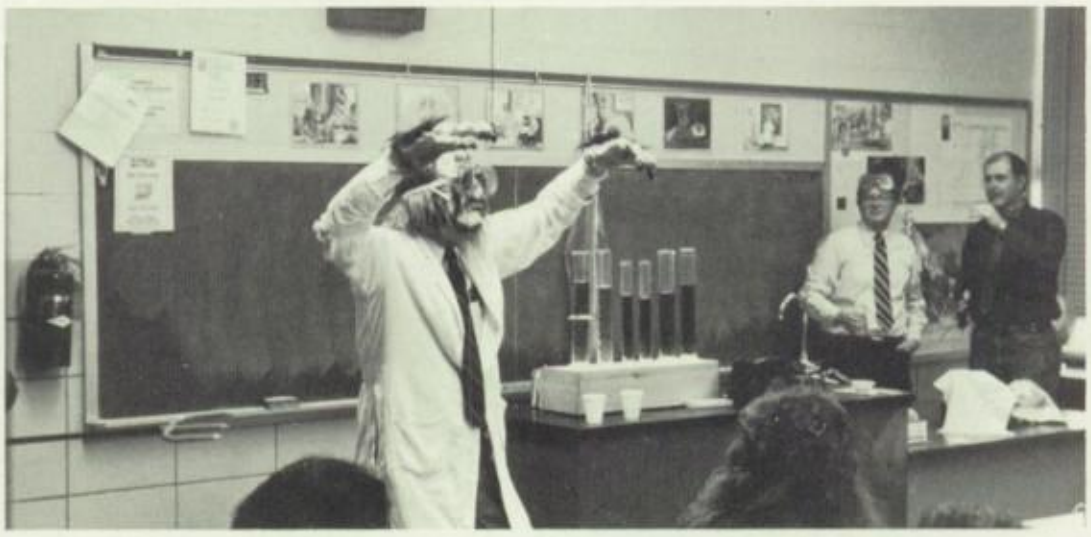
Outdoors club had requirements. One requirement for the Camp Kern trip had been that a member must attend two other events. "The requirements weren't too tough, but we all had fun," said one member.

Anthony Grable

CAREFUL! Junior Patty Sanders prepares for the worst as fellow chemist Larry Deatley begins the lab. Students spent at least one-fifth of their time in lab. *Murdock Photo*

UP, UP, AND AWAY! While watching intently, junior Scott McElfresh tests the balloon for the race, one of the events of the Science Olympiad. *Murdock Photo*





IN, OUT, WHAT? While looking on in confusion, senior Muffy Clutter learns how to secure her life jacket as a fellow canoer gives her pointers. *Murdock Photo*

FRIGHTENING! After transformation chemistry teacher Dean Deerhake scares the class as teachers Dave Brown and Ed Perry look on in extreme horror. *Murdock Photo*

SMILE! Juniors Jane Kemper and Krista Michaels and senior Tina Bockelmann try to crack smiles while they wait in line for the chairlift. *Miller Photo*

SURPRISE! After a long day on the slopes, junior Greg Hollis appears too tired to smile for the camera during the Ski club's trip to Pennsylvania. *Miller Photo*

HIT THE SLOPES! Senior Greg Robke prepares his bindings for a few good runs on the challenging mountains of Seven Springs, Pennsylvania. *Miller Photo*

WOW! While on the annual January club trip, senior Tod York makes a big jump off the longest of the resort's ski slopes. *Miller Photo*

SWISHHH!

Ski club members enjoy winter season on local hills, trip to Pennsylvania

Endless days of winter brought many people to the ski hills. Several Fairmont students participated in the winter fun by joining Ski Club. Sugarcreek Ski Hills became the local sight for the Ski Club members.

Junior Amy Lehman remarked, "It's a fun club, but the Ohio weather hasn't been too cooperative." Dayton experienced three major snowfalls this winter season. Most of the time, temperatures, too frigid to remain outdoors, ruined the skiiers fun times.

When temperatures got too unbearably cold, skiers warmed up in the ski lodge by the flaming fireplace. Sitting in the lodge didn't seem too bad. The lodge offered pizza, nachos, hot dogs, and hot chocolate for skiers who had just finished an exhilarating run down the hill.

For some, skiing became expensive. Junior Jane Kemper said, "When I first joined Ski Club, my rate was more expensive because I had to rent boots, skis, and poles. Plus I had to purchase all of the proper attire. But the experience was really worth it."

Some skiers saw Ski Club as a way to meet new people and make new friends. Junior Mike Brayshaw commented, "When I went to Sugar Creek, I met all kinds of people. They weren't all from Fairmont either. A lot of kids were from the Bellbrook area."

Ski Club took its annual trip to Seven Springs, Pennsyvania in January. When asked about the trip, junior Anne Meckstroth replied, "I can't even describe it! The trip was so awesome!"

A lot of students liked the challenges that skiing brought. Senior Steve Ruetschle expressed his feelings when he said,"Sugar Creek didn't challenge too many skiers. But Seven Springs was a trying experience for some of them. The hills are three or four times longer than Sugar Creeks. That made it a great challenge for me and many of my friends."

When asked about the season, senior Mike Thuma replied, "I thought overall the season was pretty good. My favorite part of it though was being able to get out of the everyday monotony of school and spend some time with my girlfriend."

Ski Club proved an exciting get away for all involved. Whether spending their time on the slopes or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge, all who participated enjoyed themselves.

Tracy Lenthe

YIKES! Junior Amy Lehman make an attempt to stop after conquering one of the mammoth mountians during the club's yearly trip to a ski resort. *Miller Photo*

OOOPS! Taking a spill , senior Martha Miller outdoes herself performance-wise. Miller belonged to Ski club during all three high school years. *Miller Photo*

CANDY! Within a room of the Kettering Medical Center Jennifer Finkam and Young Chon Chong graciously give refreshments to one of the patients. *Murdock Photo*

READY AND WAITING! During the first JCL general meeting, members Lynn Wetherholt and Kim Pierce work diligently to plan the club's yearly events. *Murdock Photo*

BONJOUR!

Fairmont's linguists partake of cuisine from distant lands in club activities

Participation in Fairmont's language clubs again resulted in great success. Their activities varied from the annual soccer tournament here at Fairmont, to a trip to Kings Island. All the clubs sold candy bars to raise funds for their events throughout the year. These clubs usually would meet after school to plan their yearly events.

Spanish Club, with many members again this year, usually met monthly. They enjoyed such events as bowling and eating a Chi-Chi's Mexican meal. This allowed them to become aware of the food of the Spanish nationality. President Kelly Hamby stated, "It's a lot of fun because I had friends in the club; plus it's a valuable time to start my Spanish career."

Latin Club, also known as the Junior Classical League, seemed the most active of all the language clubs. Last fall, they went bowling to help in the Holiday Aid fundraiser and hosted a regional Certamen in the spring. Here they received quite a few awards. First level team came home with a second place title, and the second and upper levels received first place trophies.

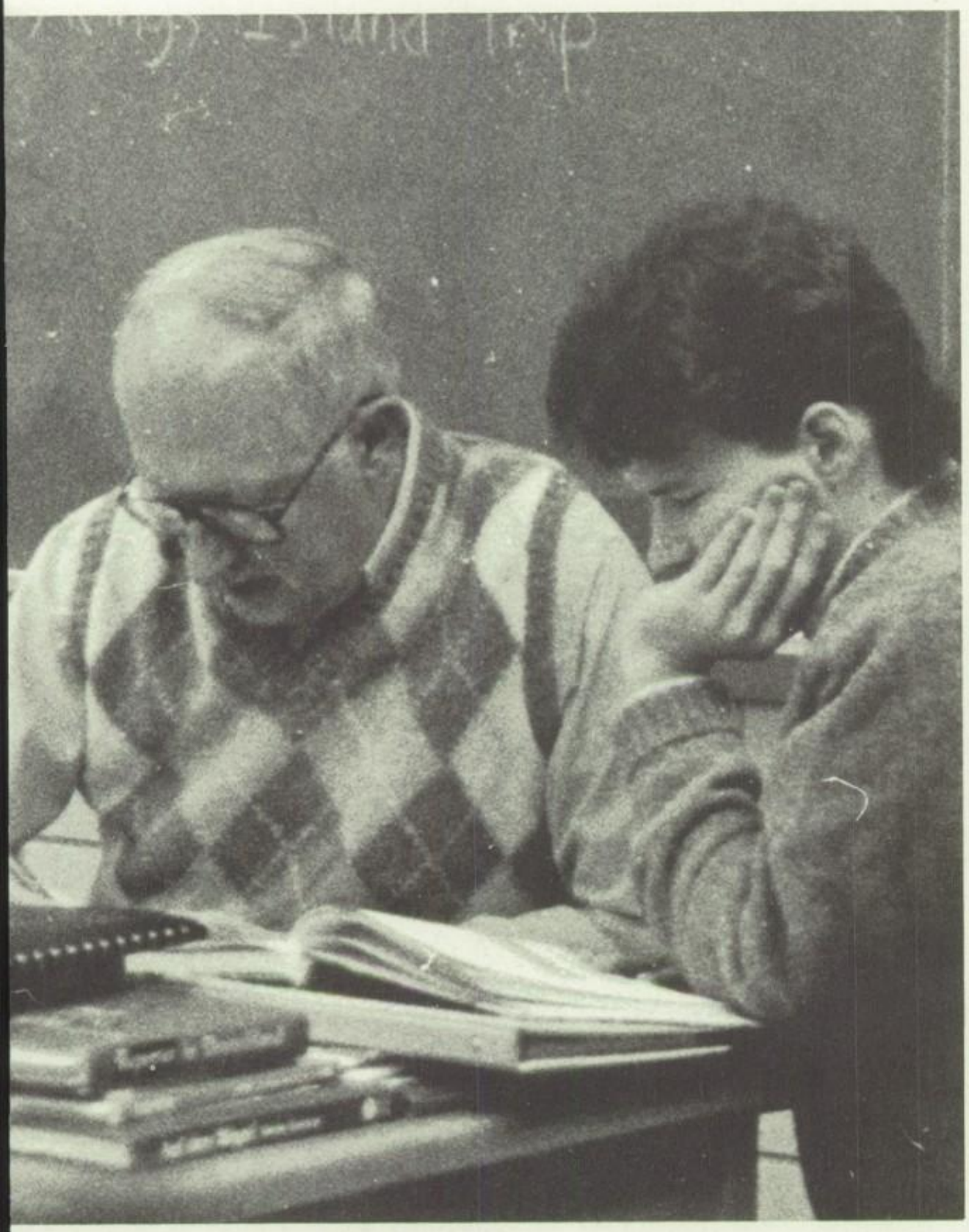
German Club, advised by Al Harshbarger, also shared in these activities. Their events included attending the Black Forest Restaurant, and Kings Island in the spring. They also had a candy sale to support their functions. The extra money even allowed them to purchase sweatshirts sponsoring their club.

Senior member, Shelly Leo stated, " I would definitely recommend a language club to anyone. It's a great way to learn more about the nationalities."

Another active club, French Club, began their year with their special international dinner in October. Then in December, the club took part in a Christmas party. The club sang Christmas carols in French and ate various foods. Laura Spinolla replied, "We didn't win the soccer tournament this year, but we had a lot of fun. I like it because I learn more about the French culture."

All of the language clubs had a wonderful turn out this year. A couple of the clubs even had up to 100 members. Charity fund raisers as well as interschool activities sought great success. The candysales especially helped the linguists sponsor their extra festivities. These included trips to a restaurant of the typical food of the language, or trips to other areas outside Kettering in order to attend conventions.

Amy Coleman



HELP! After a German club meeting at school, Matt Kline joins Al Harshbarger at his desk and asks for help the the translations.
Murdock Photo

RUNNING START! Tim Doyle shows his stuff as he takes a practice shot at the International soccer tournament for the Spanish club of Fairmont. *Murdock Photo*

CONCENTRATE! Two members of the Junior Classical League, Matt Brewer and Jason Stacy practice on the Latin computer guide during Open House. *Murdock Photo*

FOOD! During the International Dinner Jenny Foster, Beth Devine, and Can Truong stand around a table of various types of foods from each nationality. *Murdock Photo*

ENCORE! NFL team members applaud fellow speechers who have received awards for their hard work, determination, and dedication at their annual awards program. *Murdock Photo*

IT'S A BABY TREE! Receiving a fern from Thomas Chapman, James Butch shows his gratitude as NFL president Michelle Sabadash gives background material. *Murdock Photo*

THANKS! Expressing his appreciation to NFL members, James Butch prepares to hand out awards at the speech tournament, with 40 different schools in attendance. *Murdock Photo*

HEY, LISTEN! Practicing duet acting, Laura Rakay and Holly Basford perform for Andrea Groves and Thomas Chapman for the January torunament. *Kreitzer Photo*

TALENT

NFL finds speech season emotional; Edwards scores as national qualifier

"I think the National Forensic League was great. It gave members of NFL excellent opportunities to learn to communicate with each other, not only on a formal basis, but on a informal basis as well," commented Holly Martin. Many NFL members practiced that skill in the Great Miami Valley Districts or "Little Districts."

Fairmont hosted its annual tournament January 8-9. More than 1,000 students and adults participated in it. The guests either stayed with Fairmont's NFL members or in local hotels. Fairmont members prepared months in advance and worked both night and day the week preceeding the competition. The members had their hands full when they returned after Christmas.

Several NFL members enjoyed their Saturday competitons, but always looked forward to their big state and national competitions. Brian Oliver replied, "I loved to compete in all of the different competitons. I thought each tournament was great and a lot of fun. I also enjoyed watching everyone else. I saw a lot of good material."

Pam Schriber stated, "NFL tournaments were different experiences, but it definitely enhanced my speaking skills."

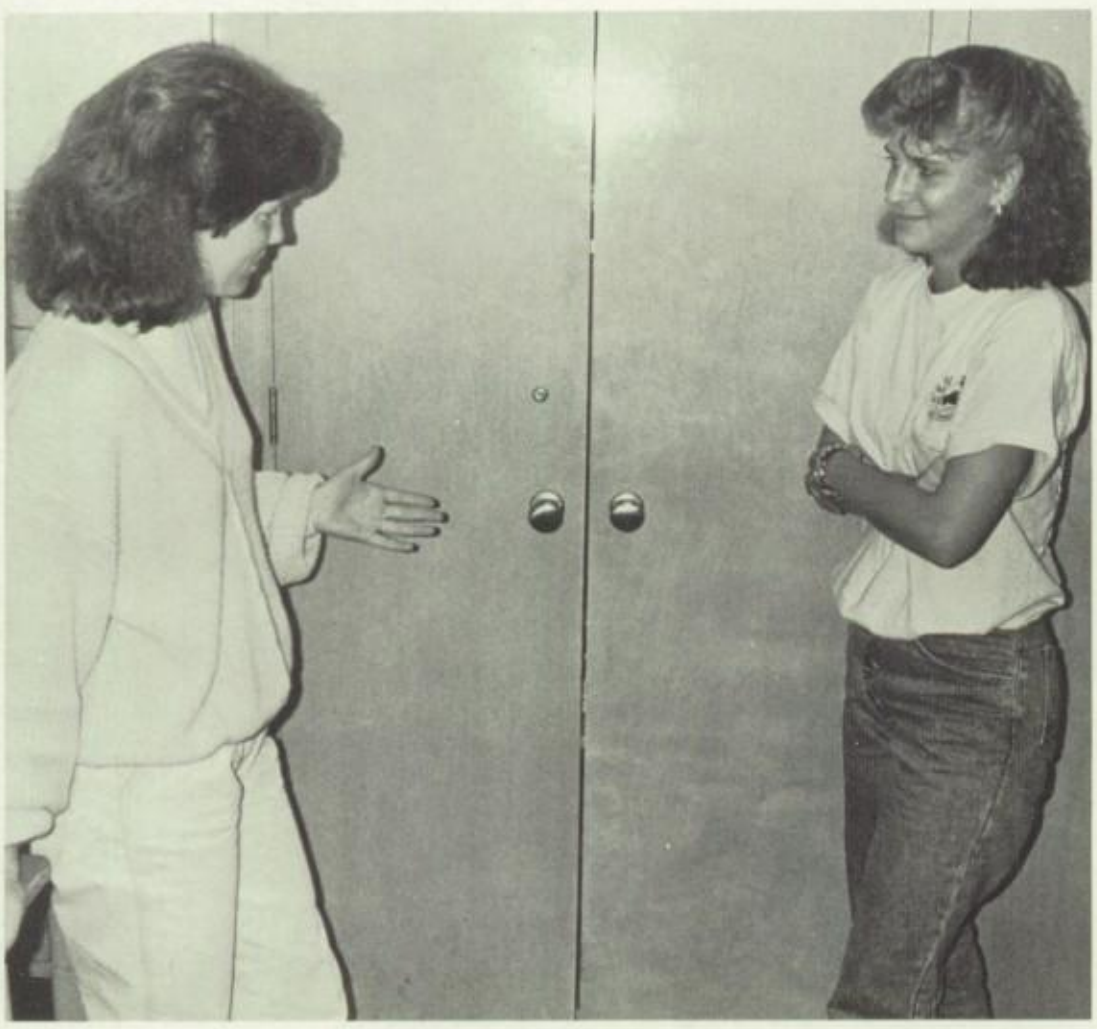
Officers included Michelle Sabadash-president, Shannon Walker-vice-president, Thomas Chapman-treasurer, Molly Smith-historian, Kim Edwards-chairperson of communications, and Sheri Cole-secretary. Jim Butch served as NFL coach.

NFL's speech season ran from October to March, but as always they came through strong. Barbara Hartmann went to the final round at the state tournament in Lincoln-Douglas debate. She placed second while many other NFL members made it to semi-finals. Kim Edwards became a national qualifier in foreign extemporaneous.

"NFL was a great organization because it taught the true importance of verbal communications. It also helped me to gain confidence in myself," stated Molly Smith. Many NFL members realized that speaking in front of a group had become a real talent and would become extremely valuable in the future.

Sabadash explained, "We have been through a lot of changes through the last three years, but I think that our club has survived all the adjustments and that we will continue to grow stronger in the future with the new leadership that we have."

Debbie Maus

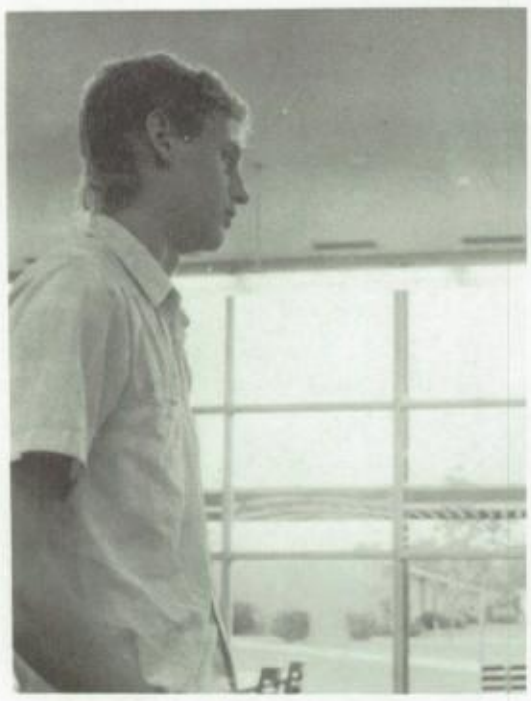


IMPROVEMENT! Working on their duet acting, Amy Wendell and Amy Long work the whole period in the locker bay preparing for the upcoming speech touney. *Kreitzer Photo*

IT'S PERFECT! Watching Kim Edwards practice her extemp speech, Laara Steinlage helps by giving supporting comments to prepare for a meet. *Kreitzer Photo*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT! JCOWA adviser Chris Griggs, listens contently to a visiting Norwegian speaker. He provided information of foreign problems to the group. *Murdock Photo*

ABROAD! Tales of good times in a foreign school by senior Dave Lamberger interests AFS members. Some members not traveling abroad hosted foreign students. *Murdock Photo*



CHALLENGING

Interests in world knowledge brings forth intelligent, prosperous future

American Field Studies and Junior Council on World Affairs gave many students a chance to see the world through the eyes of visitors from Italy, Germany, Austria, and Saipan, and by learning about the world as a community.

Three-year member and president of JCOWA, Gregg Lantis, commented, "It's getting people involved in the community . . . the world is our community, and we have a responsibility to the world."

Events of JCOWA included a speaker from Nicaragua, who spoke on problems in his native land, Foreign Bazaar, Quiz Bowl, and a Model UN. However, Fairmont had to hold its own UN on April 30 as the area-wide assembly fell on a day that Fairmont had no school due to icy roads.

Fairmont's social studies teaching staff brought the Bi-Centennial celebration of the nation's Constitution alive as it presented a costumed performance of the Founding Fathers in their arguments. All social studies classes attended the presentation.

Bob Karl's US history class participated in a revolutionary War march. This event consisted of the students carrying toy rifles and attacing defenseless gym classes. "It was fun taking part in history instead of just learning about it," commented junior Vail Miller.

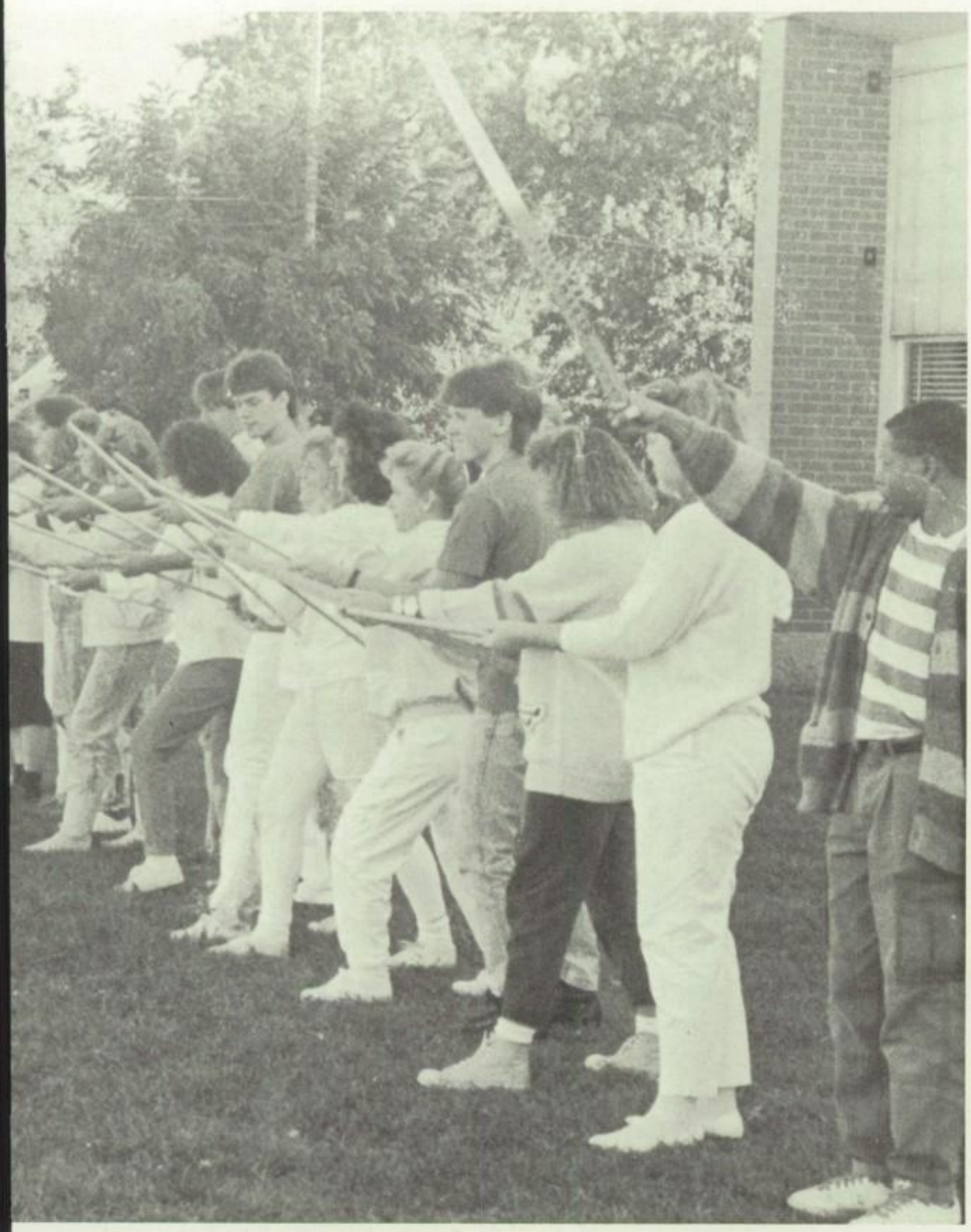
AFS, world-wide junior and adult organization, offered many people the opportunity to travel to another country. A 3.0 or better grade point and an application reviewed in New York gave students the challenge of acceptance in the program.

Fairmont senior Shelly Werner spent her summer abroad in Austria. "I traveled through AFS only the one time, and I felt it was a great learning experience," said Werner. Laara Steinlage, two-year president of AFS said, "I never traveled abroad, but I helped foreign exchange students adjust to the American way of life."

During AFS weekend, all area exchange students got together aned spent a weekend with a different family and school. Highlighting the activity, members threw a welcoming and farewell party for exchange students.

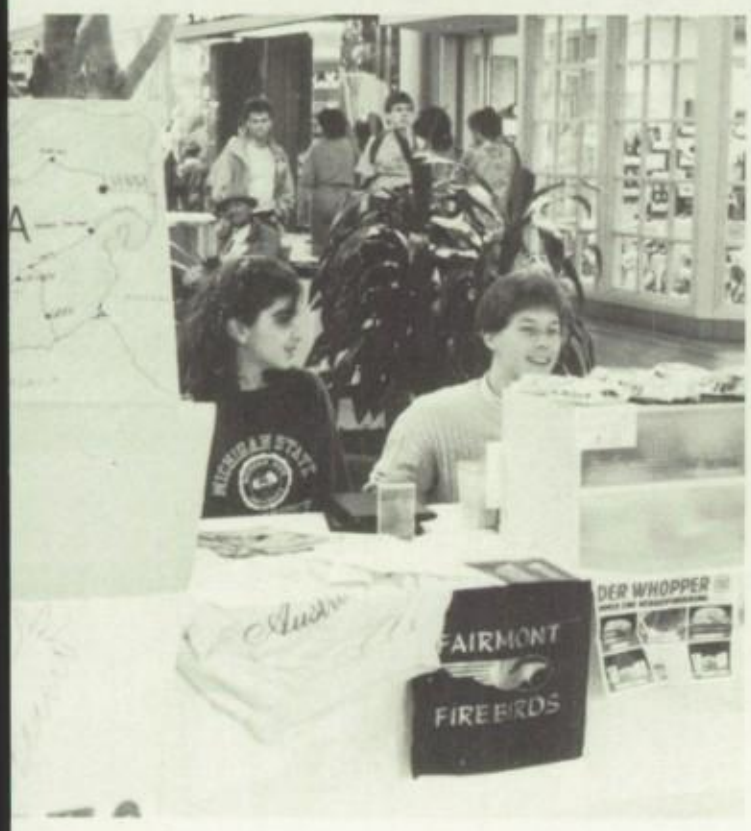
Exchange students took the academic work hard, but as a challenge. Complaints of too much, just like American kids, came from the students, but they worried more about acceptance by the local crowds and community. Steinlage welcomed them with her best, and most seemed to fit right into the swing.

Michelle Thornburg



CHARGE! Simulating the French and Indian war, Bob Karl's junior history class reinacts attacks on gym classes. This acquainted students with war. *Mallory Photo*

STRIKE! While bowling with AFS club, senior Shelly Werner rolls a strike to put her team ahead. AFS sponsored many other fun activities for members. *Anderson Photo*

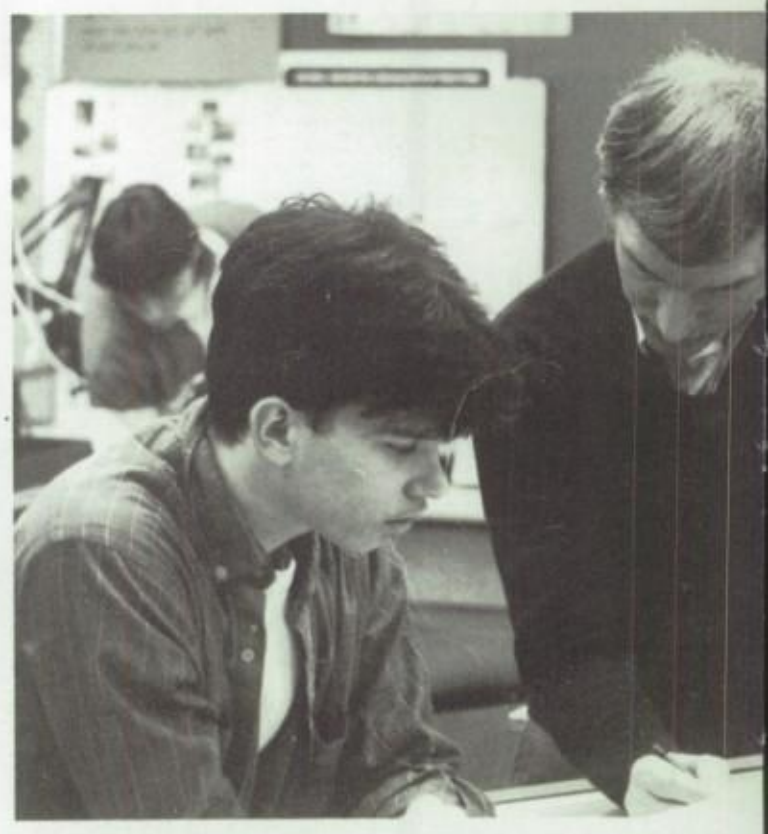


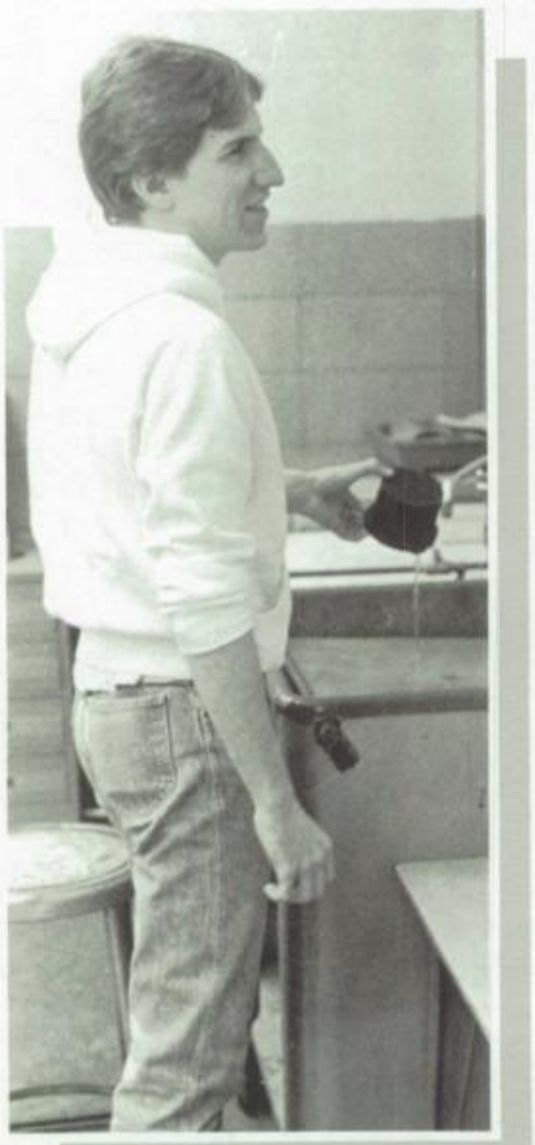
LOOK HERE! Club member Monica Lonigro and president Greg Lantis sit and enjoy their booth. JCOWA attended many other events to add interest. *Mallory Photo*

LISTEN UP! As history teachers Bob Karl, Jim Mogus, Lee Risley, Bob Janes, and Chris Griggs act out the signing of the Constitution, students await the decision. *Murdock Photo*

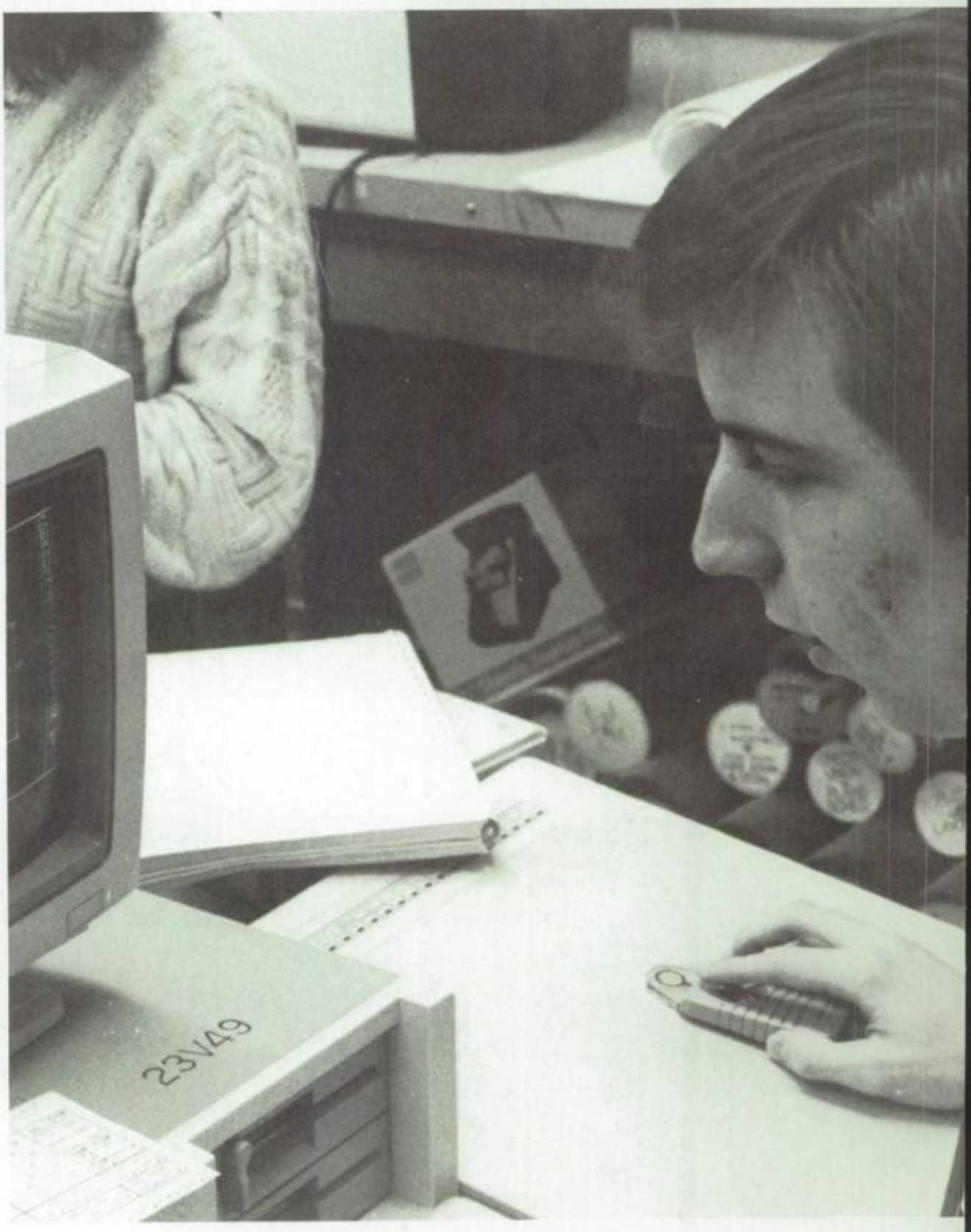
DUST! SCRATCHES! Pointing out minor points, Ralph Price instructs sophomore Gale Cowan in photography, all basic photo students got individual help. *Barlow Photo*

ASSISTANCE! Correcting a technique, Neal Charske shows his student the way. Charske taught all drafting classes at Fairmont. *Mallory Photo*





WONDER! While senior Alan Smith holds his film tank, he begins to daydream about the plans for a career as a professional photographer. *Barlow Photo*



PLOTTING — ENTER CODE! Observing designs on his computer, Brian Roessler prepares his assignment. The new drafting course gave insight to engineering. *Mallory Photo*

DESIGN

Students broaden their knowledge creating own products, developing own pictures

Photography is an art form and also a communicative media," stated teacher Ralph Price. Students came after school and developed film with the help of club officer, Jay Murdock. Murdock commented that most of the people joined the club so they could use the facilities for developing.

Mr. Price designed the organization solely for the students. "I was only an overseer," commented Price, "the club was managed by the students." Founded by Price, the photography class did not take field trips or have any speakers, but provided a lab after school.

Photography class became popular with the students. "It was a good art credit," said Tony Monturo and Matt Barhorst. Based on their choice, students recieved either an art credit or an industrial education credit for their work. Although the students found the work rough, they were encouraged by the small amount of tests given.

"I tried to give the students an opportunity to be exposed to the major areas in industrial photography today," said Price. Students did not take very many pictures in the classroom, but they specifically learned how to develop them.

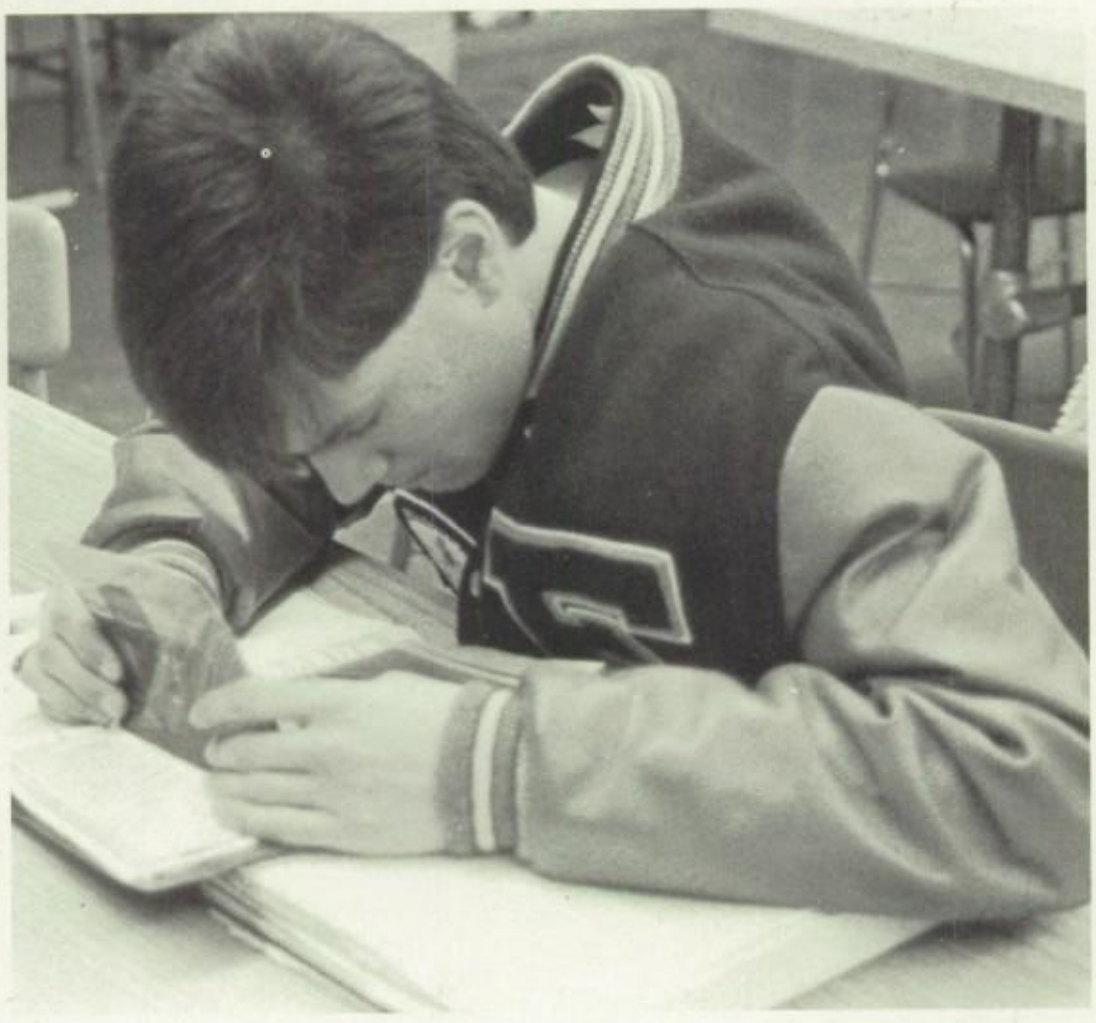
Rather than taking pictures and learning how to develop them, the Drafting club used special tools and instruments for designing purposes. Elected officers included Brian Rossler-president, Cuang Du-vice president, and Ha Du and David Milby-program officers.

Taking various field trips, the Drafting club gained valuable on the job experience. Guest speakers lectured on the practical situations that occur in a drafting career. "The speakers were good, but I enjoyed visiting the architect's office the most," commented Rossler.

In the classroom students learned about basic skills in drafting and then applied their knowledge to the assignments they worked on. The school offered four different courses to the students. Teacher Neal Charske readily supported the new engineering graphics course. He said, "Instead of failing the subject in college, students complete the work okay."

Intermediate drafting included a nine week project in which the student designed their project in three dimensions. "We drafted the plans so the metal class, if given the layout, could easily make the product, answered Alan Smith. "I enjoyed the project and the class and as a result, I got an 'A'," added Smith.

Randy Yoder



DEVELOP, FIX, BATHE! Senior Jim Smith completes the final step in producing a photograph. Students benefitted from the class for hobbies or careers. *Barlow Photo*

CONCENTRATION! Checking the finished pictures for scratches, Marc Michigan inspects his work. This step proved crucial to the quality of the final product. *Barlow Photo*

INTENSE! Muse Machine members focus on Dayton Philharmonic orchestra's performance. Members missed classes to participate in the program. *Youngkin Photo*

GIVE ME FIVE! Senior Tammy Grubb and junior Allen Wolf take time out to have some fun. Work and play provided a combination during club meetings. *Murdock Photo*

SPOTLIGHT!

Muse members indulge in various events to get in touch with performing arts

This year Muse Machine opened the door to the art world for participating students. Muse Machine offered its students many performances, participation in contests and an end-of-the-year bash! Activities kept members "on their toes" throughout the year.

Students involved in Muse Machine enjoyed a variety of in-school performances. Members viewed programs from The Human Race, Dayton Opera, and Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. Kristin Michael explained, "I enjoyed the chance to attend a wide variety of performances, and I even missed some of my classes."

Muse Machine also provided discounts for many out-of-school performances. From the theatre to the ballet, students joined together to attend exhibits they normally would not see. "I attended the Dayton Ballet. I really enjoyed watching the dancers," stated Emma Skogstad.

Muse Machine conducted many special programs. Muse Search held auditions for talented members in categories of acting, singing, dancing, comedy, bands and instrumentals. Also, a Muse Machine workshop prepared members for auditions for the production of **Guys and Dolls** . Senior Holly Martin went on to become a leading star of this musical.

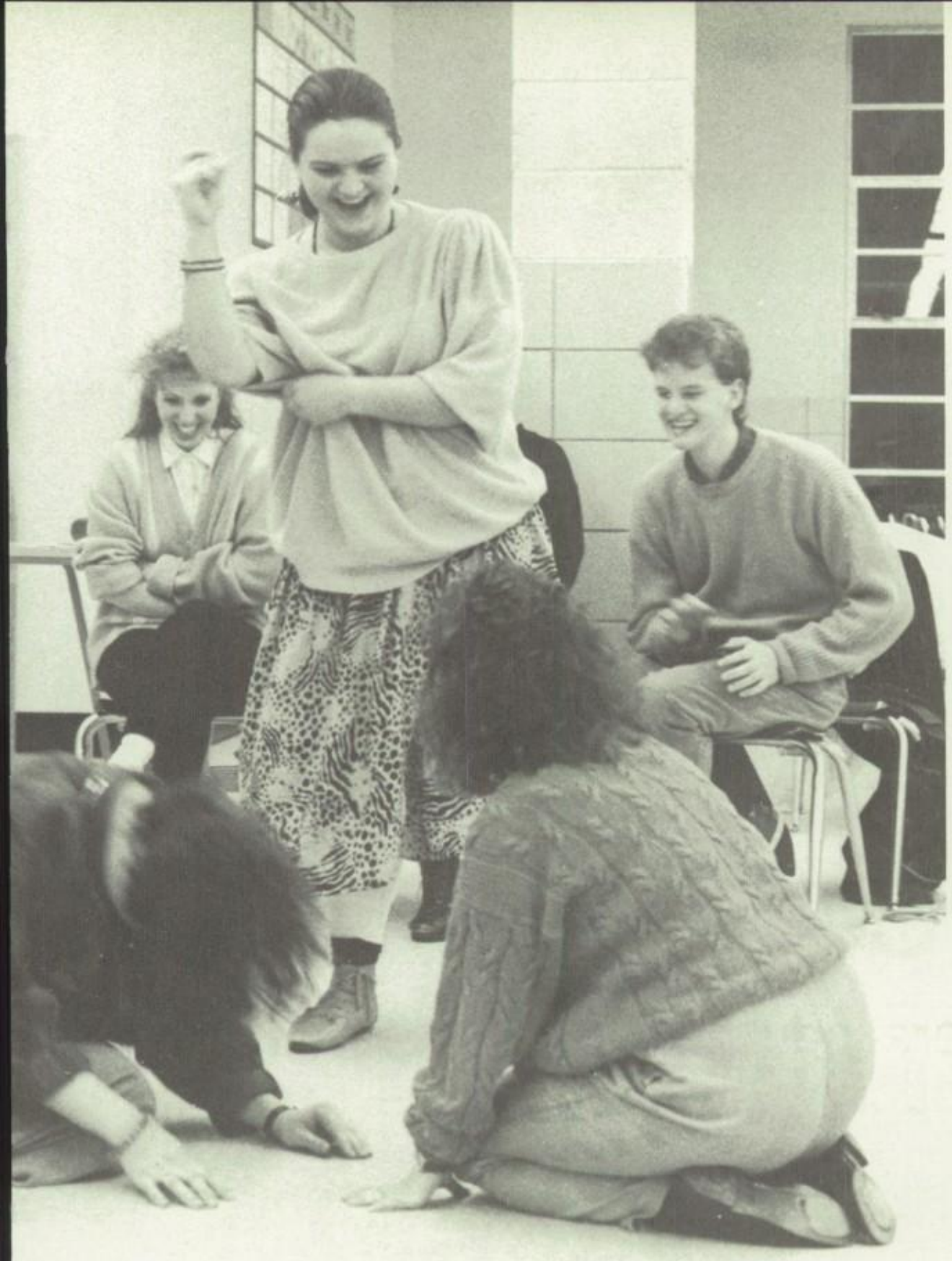
Muse Machine also offered a playwriting workshop. Attendants submitted their plays for competition for production. Junior Katie Huser's play **Background Friends** won the competition. Acting students participated in Muse Machine Theatre Workshop B and presented Huser's play.

Muse Machine garnered 238 members this year. Students holding the positions of team captains included Kristin Dunkle, Katie Huser, Phoung Pham, Alicia Kingrey, Jennifer Palcher, Allen Wolf, Holly Martin, and Sheri Cole. They headed the Activities from ballet to the opera.

At the end of the year Muse Machine held a festival called A-Muse-Zing in the Park. Members of Muse Machine displayed their talents to compete for scholarships. Also, special efforts of certain members gained recognition. Most of all, members shared good times.

In all, Muse Machine gave its members a chance to discover the world of art. The organization also helped pave the way for its own members to participate in the arts. Muse Machine not only provoked a new interest in art, but also gave new experiences and opportunities to its members.

Tracy Collins



GET DOWN! Holly Martin and Allen Wolf crack up watching senior Tammy Grubb dance the night away. Dull moments never darkened the Muse members. *Murdock Photo*

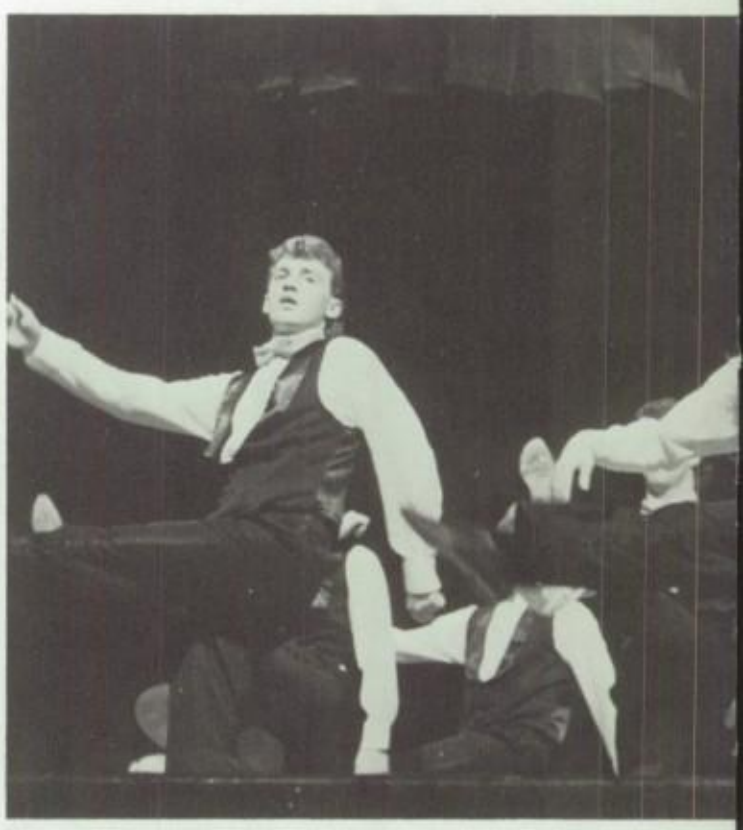
SHOWTIME! Senior Holly Martin hits the stage to perform in the musical "Guys and Dolls." She obtained the leading role of the Muse Machine production. *Murdock Photo*

CLOSING IN! Getting to know each other better Kirsten Van Sickle, Tammy Grubb, and Allen Wolf gather around to exchange and think of creative ideas. *Murdock Photo*

LET'S CHAT! Discussing future matters of Muse Machine Holly Martin, Allen Wolf and Garrett Hunt make plans for upcoming events during the year. *Murdock Photo*

CONCENTRATION! Women's chorus inhabits the risers in preparation for contest. They recieved the highest rating in the contest and advanced to state. *Kritzer Photo*

BOOGIE! Strutting their stuff, seniors Jason Egleston and Chris McManus keep up with the fast-paced tempo of the Charleston *Murdock Photo*



HAM IT UP! Showing off their "Baby Face," seniors Chris Rau and Sean Owens perform their routine during Show Choir's performance. *Slakter Photo*

ATTENTION! Illusion members make all heads turn as they open their show with a lively number. This and other snappy renditions gather large crowds. *Murdock Photo*

DAZZLING!

Illusion entertains with spirited moves, gives warm feelings to devoted patrons

For years, Fairmont has had a winning show choir, and the 1987-88 Illusion proved no exception. The members of the group worked together to reach their goals. The First Annual Illusion Show Choir invitational began as a result of the money needed to go to St. Louis for competition.Thirteen show choirs from around Ohio participated in this exciting event.

Even though the Illusion could not compete, since they hosted it, they did perform. Missy Damstra said, "We were really pumped up for that performance. We wanted to get out there and show the other show choirs we were the best." When the judges announced the results, they found out they would have won if they had competed.

At the opening of the year, new members felt edgy about being accepted by the old members. "At first I felt a little out of place around a few people, but after a couple of weeks I felt really comfortable," replied Melody Banner.

Mixed feelings ran throughout Illusion members pertaining to the members' favorite shows of the season. Jill Jackson commented, "My favorite shows were the shows we did at Christmas. Christmas season was very busy, but fulfilling. It really helped to put everyone in the Christmas spirit."

Director Rodney Gradel agreed with Jackson, but added, "performing for the handicapped childrens' school put me on a natural high. The looks on those kids' faces proved it was all worth it."

Many members devoted much of their time to show choir. President Chris McManus spent much time organizing activities and performances. Gradel praised McManus by saying, "Chris was great! He tied together the loose ends I left behind, and there were many of them."

Musical numbers performed by the show choir ranged from oldies to the newer tempos of the Eighties. They even had a western number, "Mountain Music," that involved square dancing, and an exciting version of "Duke of Earl".

Chorus, also under the direction of Gradel, took place during the fourth period. Over 100 students participated in this class. Gradel joyfully exclaimed, "The sensitivity of the music was there. They may have said they were in my class for the art credit, but I saw in their faces how much they really liked it."

Tina Linquist

ENCHANTMENT! "It's a Grand Night" when Clark Davidson and Melodie Banner hit the stage. This song provided the opening number. *Murdock Photo*

LISTEN UP! Pre-show jitters descend upon Doug Hill, Deanne Venus, and Carolyn Macchia as they listen to the director for last-minute instructions. *Slakter Photo*

MUSIC! Percussionists Philip Kingrey, Rick Hecker, Mike Terranova, Tom Llewellyn, and Mark Joiner on trumpet energetically entertain during half-time. *Logan Photo*

BLOW 'EM AWAY! Performing at the Last Blast, Mark Joiner, Shannon Hill, and Christina Baldessari perform their trumpet trio to "St. Elmo's Fire." *Logan Photo*

SHOWTIME

Musicians, show corps dazzle audiences with exciting entertaining half-times

Hard work and dedication lead to satisfaction for every member of the 1988 marching band. Musicians, auxiliaries, and a feature twirler, all combined to put on wonderful shows during the football season.

Band shows consisted of exciting performances to hit songs. Alicia Kingrey excited the audiances with a feature to "Sing Sing Sing." The show corps entertained with a special kickline to the song "Doo Dah."

Deborah Wagner and Greg Nuckels — the drum majors — lead the musicians. While the auxiliaries followed the leadership of the co-captains Andrea Kemmer and Tammie Beddies. Other leaders included lieutenants Debi Slakter, Lisa Scheper, Kathy Naylor, and Michelle Anderson.

Since the merge of Fairmont East and West, band director James Probasco and auxiliary advisers Marabeth Klenja and Genie Hudson considered combining Flames and Revelles.

This merge created many mixed feelings. Senior Kelly Spang said, "The combination was hard to get used to. Overall, the change was good. I just wished it hadn't happened my senior year."

Senior Heather Seifert also stated how she felt about the merge. She said, "I thought we did look better-more like a whole. I only wish we had a name for the new group other than auxiliaries."

Heading to Camp Kern, hard work and practice began for the group with intense conditioning at summer band camp. During that week the musicians learned how to march, while practicing their music and striving for perfection. This practice usually lasted from eight a.m. to nine p.m. with a couple short breaks in between.

At the same time the auxiliaries perfected spins, tosses, twirling, dancing, and kicklines. Before band camp, the girls also attended the Fred J. Miller camp at Wright State.

Performances included more than just half-time at football games. The marching band also entertained at a Wittenberg football game, the Holiday-at-Home parade, and Kettering's own invitational band festival. After the regular season the band performed at a Wright State basketball game and two home basketball games.

Kemmer stated about the season as a whole by saying, "The season was a little tedious, but all the hard work paid off. Everyone's cooperation made things run smoothly and it showed on the field. We had a really great season and I was sad to see it end."

Joannie Valassiades

BOOM! Setting the tempo for the band, bass drummers Kevin Witwer and David Everman perform to "Sing, Sing, Sing," a real crowd pleaser. *Logan Photo*

CLASS! Nationally renowned baton twirler Alicia Kingrey excites, enthralls, and dazzles crowds during halt-time with her extraordinary skills. *Logan Photo*

SMILE! As they perform during a pre-game show, Jennie Hatchel. and Diana Brown do their Show Corps routines with the entire assemblage. *Logan Photo*

DANCIN'! Auxiliaries Kim Hari, Andrea Kemmer, Kathy Keogh, and Tammi Beddies proudly hold their ending pose to "Dancin' on the Ceiling." *Logan Photo*

UNISON! James Probasco leads an intensive perfecting session the week before the band's engagement at an out-of-school competition at Stebbins. *Barlow Photo*

TOOT SWEET! In the clarinet section, band members Jocelyn Weeda, Beth Phillips, and David Greismeyer play carefully to learn a new piece. *Barlow Photo*

CONDUCT! Directing the orchestra, Lynn Rohr emphasizes concentration and cooperation as the students work diligently to master the music. *Barlow Photo*

TEAMWORK! During the sixth period, the silver band practices for upcoming performances in which they will compete for a superior rating. *Barlow Phot*

MUSICAL

New talent, seasoned veterans merge to form smooth running operations during year

"We taught the students to play notes and rythyms, the basics. Only after everyone's got it can we make sound musical," stated James Probasco, one of three directors of concert band. Choosing the music and preparing the band for their performances proved a year-round job for directors Probasco, Clair Miller, and David Bruner.

Not only did those students in marching band participate in concert band, so did students who took part in different fall activities. Two separate concert bands, silver and blue, competed independently of one another. "The best part of competing was the sense of accomplishment that we felt for a one rating," stated Pat Sage.

Many members of concert band became interested in playing an instrument because they felt inspired by a certain artist. Others grew into music like Vicki Benge who stated, "I started playing in grade school and just randomly picked out my instrument at a music store."

Outside the mandatory two periods of band, members often received help on a more personal level from directors. As competition drew near, the instrumental sections got together and practiced whenever they found time.

"My favorite part of being in the concert band was being around all my friends," said Christine Curran. Other members liked competing and loved it when the band pulled a hard piece together.

Orchestra practice took place sixth period. The string orchestra made up the usual class, while the full orchestra practiced twice a week. Lynn Rohr directed the orchestra for a second year at Fairmont.

Besides the time she spent in class, Rohr devoted much of her own time studying scores, listening to tapes to learn the songs, and rewriting parts. Spring proved the busiest time of all because the string orchestra needed to prepare for the state orchestra competition in the beginning of March.

Orchestra contained 32 strings, while the full orchestra consisted of 55 members. Two quartets existed within the orchestra which performed outside playing jobs such as a Christmas party for school superintendent, John Goff.

Jana Katsuyama, a senior who participated in the orchestra, felt fortunate to play in the Kettering orchestra program. "Other schools often times neglect the orchestra. We were extremely fortunate not to be."

Ann Marshall & Drew Harris

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT! Using a class period wisely, flutists Tracy Warner, Jennifer Montgomery, and Jenny Finkam work on their scales. *Barlow Photo*

OVER AND OVER! Bass players Tina Lawson, Mercy Midturi, and Cathy Jones work together on a particularly complicated stanza, amking it harmonious. *Barlow Photo*

WAKE UP! Taking a leisure break gives Mike Merrick time to yawn along with DJ Barbara Hartman. Morning air shows many times proved difficult to get up for. *Murdock Photo*

STOP! While killing time, Adam Milligan, Kelli Kling, Matt Chamberlain, and Jenny Shutts examine Kling's new hairstyle. *Murdock Photo*

JAMMIN!

WKET sponsors contests, car washes, make 'in' sounds for local social events

Another fullfilling year prevailed as WKET, Fairmont's own radio station, planned and excuted a number of events. Such events included dances, special on-the-air shows, and prize drawings.

In the fall, WKET provided the music for the Homecoming dance and live sports reports for listeners who could not attend football and basketball games. At the away games, WKET members used cellular phones to give live reports approximately every 20 minutes. During home games, they made reports by means of a telephone remote unit in the press box.

During the football season, WKET promoted their annual Homecoming give-a-way. By entering, students had a chance at winning a new dress from Alter Bound and a dinner from The Peasant Stock Cafe or Neil's.

Other events they worked included several dances at the Kettering Recreational Center, along with dances at the two local junior highs, wedding receptions, and class reunions. They had so many requests for their services, turning down organizations came as a major problem.

Reasoning behind all these ways to earn money served as the radio station's way to buy more state of the art equipment, including two stereo tape-decks, two monitor speakers, and two new speakers to use at their many different dances.

WKET also used their money to buy new records. Senior Jenny Shutts stated that,"Many records keep getting stolen. We don't know how, but we keep having to replace them."

Karl Bremer, WKET's supervisor and coordinator, kept a close monitor on what happened in the studio. If something went wrong, the direct responsibility fell upon him.

Otherwise known as "K.B.", Mr. Bremer saw WKET and the radio broadcasting program beneficial because, " It's a curricular and extracurrricular activity which means you can do both. It's a multiple choice kind of operation."

Most people agreed that the most fun came when working on the air. Senior Kelli Kling, program director, stated, "Working on the air is fun. You have to learn how to improvise or else you sound like a major dork."

People had several reasons for joining WKET,but Junior Doug Thornton, treasurer, had an unusual reason. He commented, "I joined because of when K.B. was on my paper route. Just hearing him talk about it got me interested. For Doug and the rest of the staff, WKET made a fulfilling experience for them."

Maggy Williams

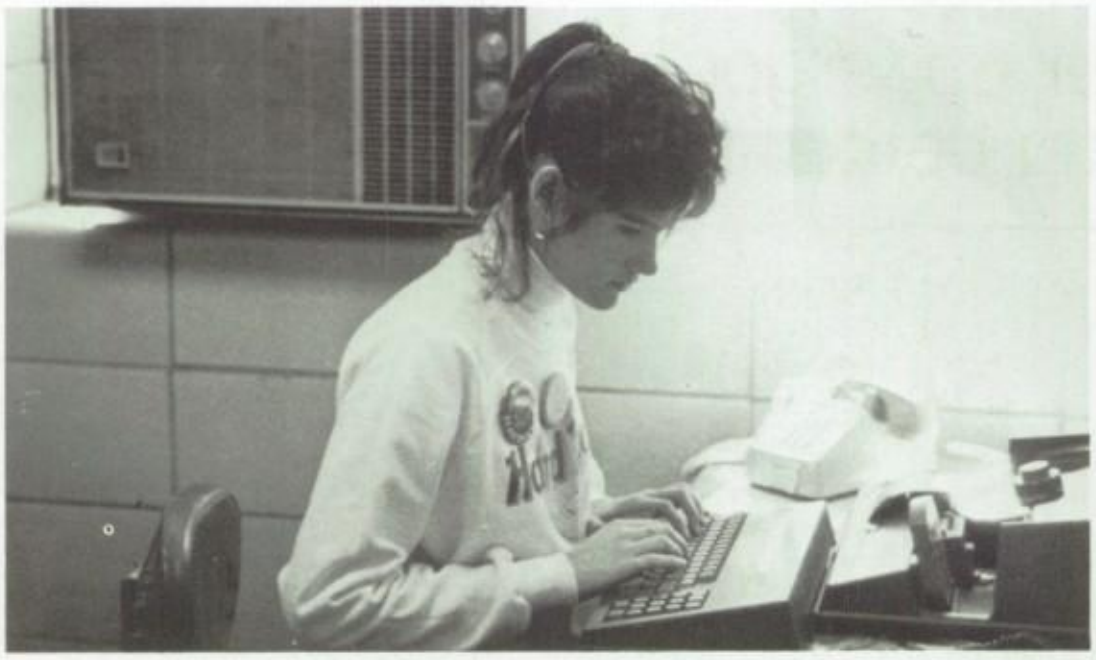
YOU SAY U2? Fifth period DJ's Robin Supensky and Lisa Scheper received requests from the phone lines. Different students filled airtime each period. *Williams Photo*

HELLO! Screaming into the microphone, Todd Morrow scares the city of Kettering. After-school air shows made one way students spent their spare time. *Murdock Photo*

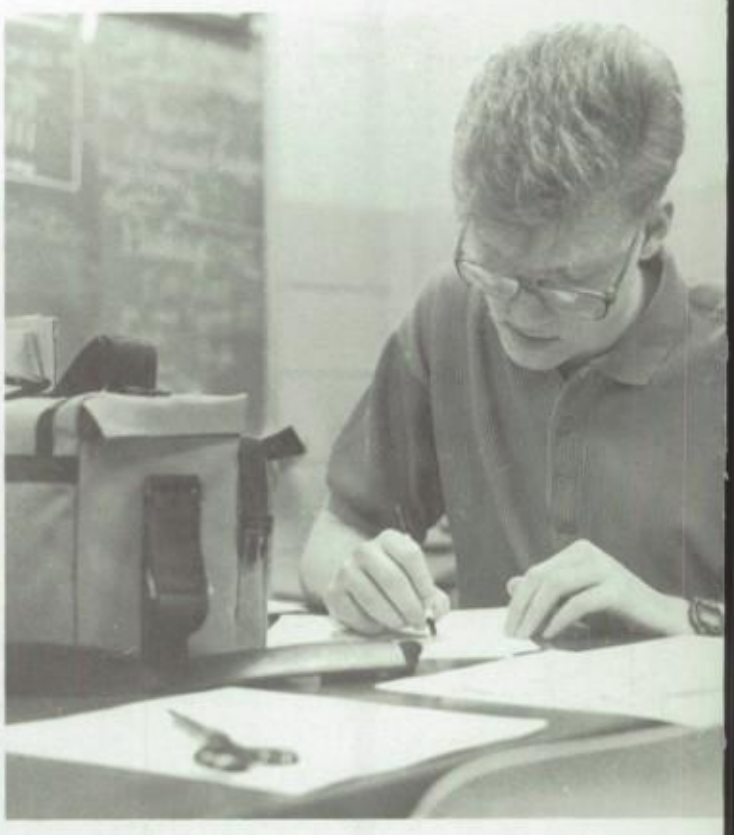
DANCE! Before the next song, Bret Ward and Scott Todd listen to and prepare the record. Music for the Homecoming dance coincided with the 50's theme. *Logan Photo*

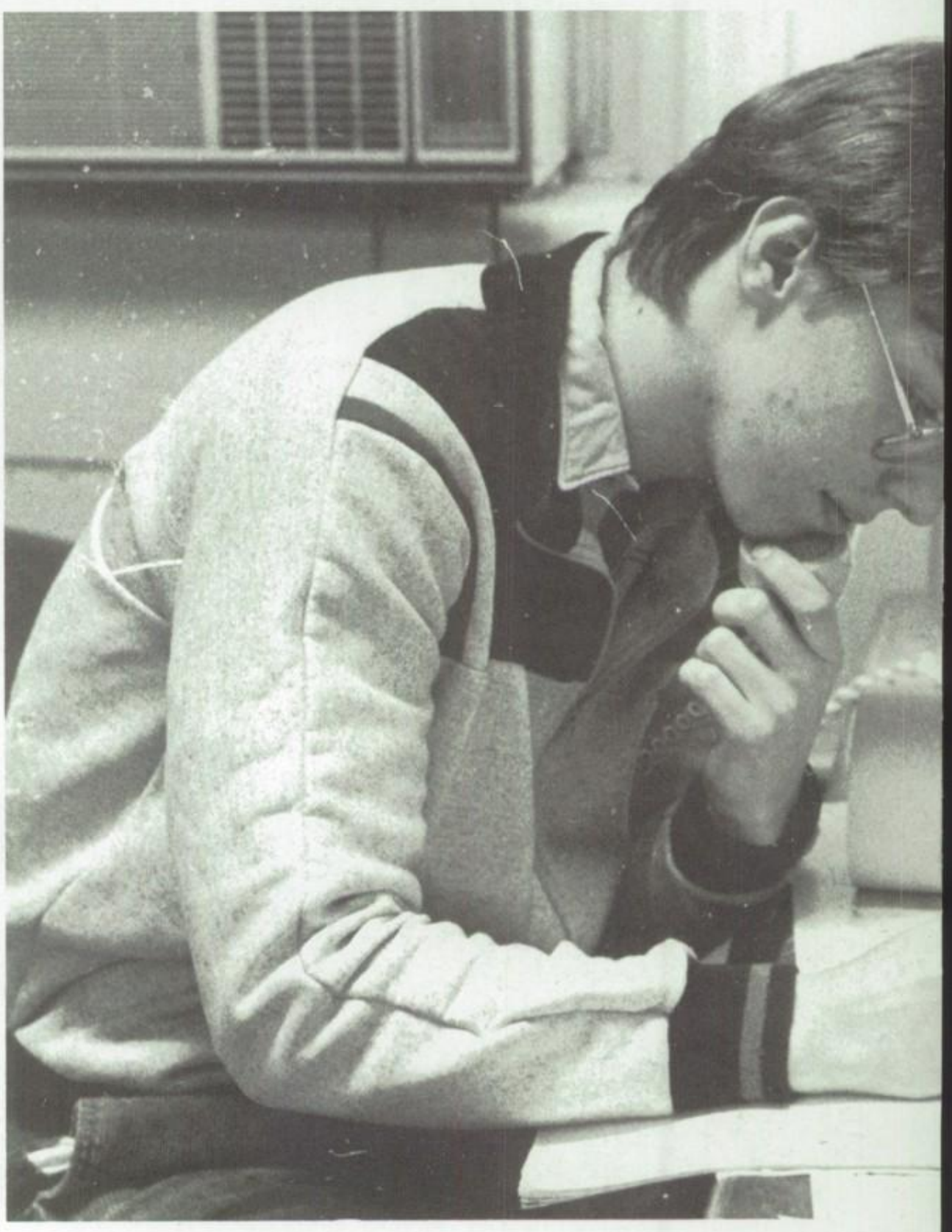
PAPER WORK! Taking time out while doing her shift, Jenny Shutts completes log forms. Filling out such forms helped the station meet FCC requirements. *Murdock Photo*

CONCENTRATION! Steadily, junior Jennifer O'Brien works diligently on the Merlin headliner to typeset the head for her article in the next issue. *Kreitzer Photo*



WILL I EVER FINISH? Working hard, junior Garrett Hunt hopes to complete his article in time for submission to the next publication of the **Flyer** . *Murdock Photo*





DEADLINES! Routine hard work of writing and typing stories, Tim Doyle still finds time for fooling around and having a good time. *Murdock Photo*

MAY I HELP YOU? Editor-in-Chief Jim Smith answers the phone in high expectations of selling more advertising space in the newspaper. *Murdock Photo*

CHANGES!

Fairmont **Flyer** undergoes new alterations in producing bether-than-ever paper

Teacher Sharon Powers, adviser of the **Flyer** exclaimed, "They are the best kids in Fairmont." Several of the students on the staff began their school year early. In the beginning of August, seven of the 20 staff members attended a five-day workshop at Bowling Green to prepare for the upcoming year.

In the past year, the **Flyer** made a drastic format change, advancing to a magazine style from newspaper style. The students acquired the idea from a teacher at the workshop. By changing, the **Flyer** expanded on cover stories and number of pages.

With that change, the staff made some adjustments. Editors almost never slept in Saturday mornings. Instead, they arrived at 8 a.m. to work toward the upcoming deadline. By working longer, the staff made the stories go more indepth and contain more excitement.

Some students expressed their enthusiasm towards participating on a newspaper. "It's neat to work behind the scenes," replied junior Carole Sills. She continued, "To see all of your hard work put together is a feeling of excitement." Along with achievement, Gregg Lantis added, "You have many headaches and long nights."

Though they spent their own free time, students felt they gained more than just a credit to graduate. Most of the staff members agreed that their writing abilities improved dramatically and made them more organized. In addition, the members received experience in advertising.

Looking toward the future, many students felt the newspaper prepared them. They thought it would help in composing college papers. It also helped in deciding their future occupation. Jim Smith, Editor-in-Chief, planned to pursue the field of journalism. He wanted to specialize in the section of humor and political editorials.

On the other hand, Mike Merrick decided not to follow the area of journalism after school, but he seriously contemplated the thought of applying for a newspaper in college.

Every family fights, argues, and contains different personalities. The Flyer fitted this description perfectly. With everyone voicing different opinions, the final decision proved often hard to make. In the end, when the deadline arrived, the staff got the job done by working closely together. "The staff is like a big, happy, family," commented Merrick, "and I'm the adopted child."

Karen Kreitzer & Linn Nypaver

DOES IT FIT? Flyer's campus editor, Jennifer Berg, pastes together her layout for the March issue. The staff published a monthly newsmagazine. *Murdock Photo*

MORE TIME! Fairmont Flyer advertising manager Mike Merrick types frantically to get his copy done and finished by deadline time. *Murdock Photo*

INTENSE! Co-editor Molly Youngkin checks that all ads meet standards as staffers Michelle Schoenung and Jenny Wiseman write copy for a deadline. *Mallory Photo*

PRECISE! During the Kenyon workshop, junior Vail Miller works on an endsheet design for the competition. The four-day workshop had five different competitions. *Anderson Photo*

FIREBIRD

Yearbook staff acquires new skills, ideas; reaches heights in ad sales

Many hours of hard work and dedication went into producing the 1987-88 **Firebird** . During the first nine weeks, staffers spent much of their time selling advertisements to reach a new high of over $14,000 in ad support for the book.

Putting together the yearbook required much patience and effort from the staff. The staff spent hours of their time writing copy, taking pictures and working on each section's layouts. Staff member Linn Nypaver stated, "Yearbook was a lot of hard work, but I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet new friends."

Editors-in-chief Molly Youngkin and Anne Marie Ackerman spent two weeks in the summer at Ball State university. There they were introduced to many new techniques in design and spent many nights creating layouts for various sections. Some included putting the organizations and academics together into a Combo section.

Section editors Susan Anderson, Holly Clauss, Vail Miller, and Debi Slakter went to the Taylor workshop at Kenyon college. They won three awards-second place in theme and copywriting and third in layout. Slakter commented, "It was all new to me. It was like being sent to war without basic training." Anderson said, "We got high on rubber cement. Especially the night we stayed up really late to finish the contest entries."

Clauss commented, "Instead of dreading the copy, I enjoyed the challenge of writing and learning interesting facts about school events." She headed the student life section of the book.

Of course the yearbook would not exist without the photoghaphers. Jay Murdock, Jon Barlow, A.J. Mallory, and Karen Kreitzer spent much time taking and devolping pictures. They attended school activities to capture the action.

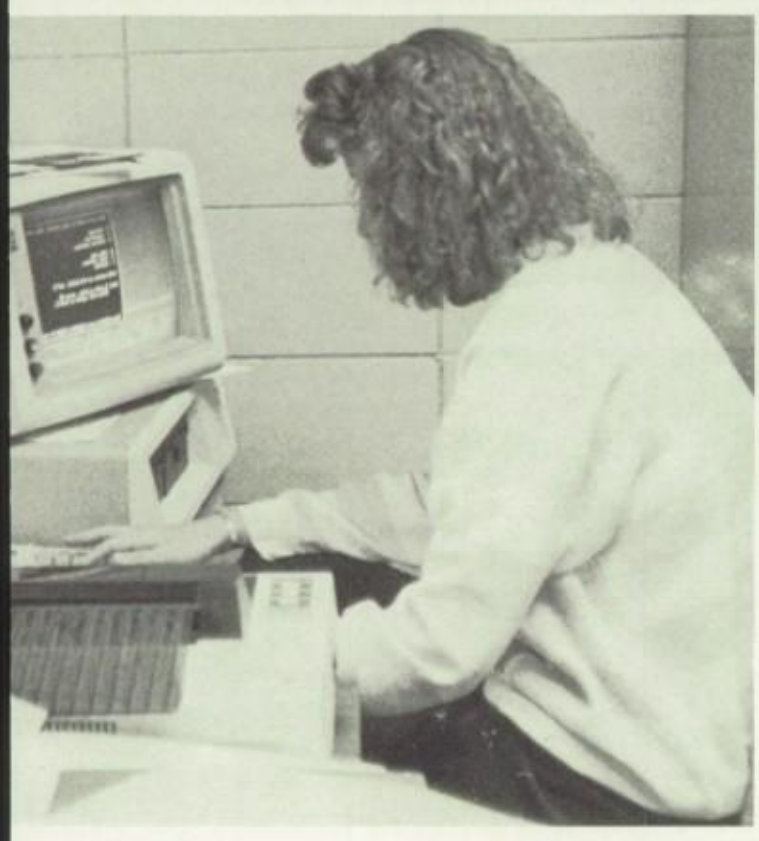
Many new **Firebird** members enjoyed the challenge. Karen Kreitzer stated, "I enjoyed having the opportunity to improve my writing skills and learned to meet deadlines." Everyone felt that they gained a valuable experience in learning responsibility and leadership.

Adviser Judy Logan and the editors worked together to maintain the yearbook's reputation of quality. In addition, they continued to keep the tradition of never missing a deadline a vital part of the **Firebird** status.

Ann Hoog

BUSY! Album editor Susan Anderson concentrates on some final touches for her layout in order to prepare it for shipment to the Taylor Publishing. *Murdock Photo*

PERFECTION! Working for ultimate focus, photographer Jon Barlow spends his sixth period printing some last-minute photos for the April deadline. *Mallory Photo*



DEDICATION! Entering copy for the April deadline, co-editor Anne Marie Ackerman sets up copy block specifications. She led the fifth-period staff. *Murdock Photo*

HARD AT WORK! As student-life editor Holly Clauss develops layouts for her yearbook section at the Kenyon College June workshop she burns the midnight oil. *Anderson Photo*

PREVIEW! Senior Matt Chamberlain watches and edits a film the video class produced. Advanced equipment and skilled workers made it easy. *Mallory Photo*

GENTLE! Painting his fragile crafts project, junior Darrin Moeller uses his artistic ability to complete his paper construction. *Barlow Photo*

PRECISE! Junior Todd Howland draws a picture made up of squares, circles, and triangles. Crafts class worked not only with shapes, but also colors. *Barlow Photo*

ACTION! Students work on Holiday-at-Home float while video seniors Sean Hauser and Mike Merrick tape the entire construction. They later taped the parade. *Murdock Photo*

CREATE!

Students learn to film, edit, paint, sculpt giving them sense of fulfillment, reward

Art classes at Fairmont gave students a chance to express themselves with their hands instead of their mouths. Art classes offered many types of art, each one specializing in an art form. Some students, like senior Steve Ruetschle, took art to increase their skill for a career later in life.

Junior Lacey Kenner said, "Some classes should be fun and that is why art classes excited me." Other students just needed an art credit for a college.

Design and crafts classes reigned as two of the top art credits in the school. Senior Tom Reed said "I was always pretty good at art and I thought design class would help me improve my basic skills." Design consisted of a sketchbook that had drawings of various objects in it, plus cutouts, cellophane, paints, and clay mediums.

Crafts I, or basic craft, became an other popular choice for students. Crafts class had a varity of arts to offer. According to Ann Fahnline, an instructor, colors and shapes became a big part of crafts. "We like to teach shapes and colors because those are the two basic roots of art," said Mrs. Fahnline.

Senior John Reaman said, "I signed up for the class thinking it would be easy, but I had to work hard, and I really learned a lot." Among the things that art students learned in crafts ranged from mixing color, molding with coper sheets and paper mache, and even weaving designed.

Video class, the newest credit at Fairmont, swept the students by storm. Unfortunately the class only held a very small amount of students. The mastermind behind the camera became radio teacher, Karl Bremer.

"We started the video class in cooperation with Channel 10, the school channel," said Mr. Bremer. "We wanted more of the public to know about the schools and all the things we do around the city."

Video class did many things such as the show choir invitational, a film on National Cash Register, a dance show, and a number of sporting events. Besides filming, the class also learned to edit and work with video cameras.

"Video can be considered an art," said Bremer. "We filmed some good areas and sometimes captured people at their best." Expressing that aspect of video, senior Kelli Kling said, "Catching people of film, and seeing them laugh, made me feel good and made them feel good, you could not beat that feeling."

Chad Kemper

CONCENTRATION! Using ink and pen , junior Karla Strawser draws in her sketchbook. The record of ideas became invaluable to Fairmont art students. *Murdock Photo*

ROLL 'EM! Filming the ice hockey game, senior Sean McDougal and junior Doug Thornton zoom in on another exciting game against Centerville. *Murdock Photo*

HELLO, MAY I HELP YOU? Answers ME, student Mike Stein takes orders and makes deliveries on his job at NYPS, a division of LM Berry. *Murdock Photo*

WORKING HARD! Tom Stevens takes a much needed chair for a new student in kindergarten, while on the job at Oakview as a custodial assistant. *Murdock Photo*

SKILL

Co-op prepares students for future tasks, gives them head start in life

Preparing students for future occupations, the co-op programs proved important to the participants. Students could earn up to three credits, acquire valuable job experience, and earn money, while also receiving a high school education. These aspects made co-op programs quite popular.

Merle Hoover, Charles Morgan, and Jim Zink advised students in OWE classes. Occupational work experience provided students with necessary life skills. Budgeting, buying a car, filing income taxes, applying for and working in a variety of places-ranging from markets to fast food restaurants-constituted the curriculum.

Cooperative office education, consisted of a one-year course, where seniors spent three periods at school and then left for their office-oriented occupations. Mike Klopfer, COE adviser, said, "COE is a super program for any student who wants to get his foot in the door." COE students worked about 25 hours a week filing, typing, and doing other office type jobs.

Holly Livengood, a COE student, commented, "COE let me finish school, plus it gave me the opportunity to work during school hours instead of just after school. It's a big head start."

"Academics, a skill, money, it's great for some kids, but not all," said DCT adviser, Tom Elliot. Diversified cooperative training appealed to students who preferred skilled trained areas, such as carpentry, plumbing, electronics, and engineering.

Students needed a previous year of industrial education and then once situated at a job, they worked around 25 hours a week after third period at their elected occupations. Bill Shaw commented, "I liked working with wood and my hands, plus it gets me ahead."

Marketing Education, a two-year program, involved many students. Juniors learned about the business world, retail tactics, and work places during one period, while the seniors went and worked in the second half of the school day. They worked at retail stores like Odd Lots and Lazarus.

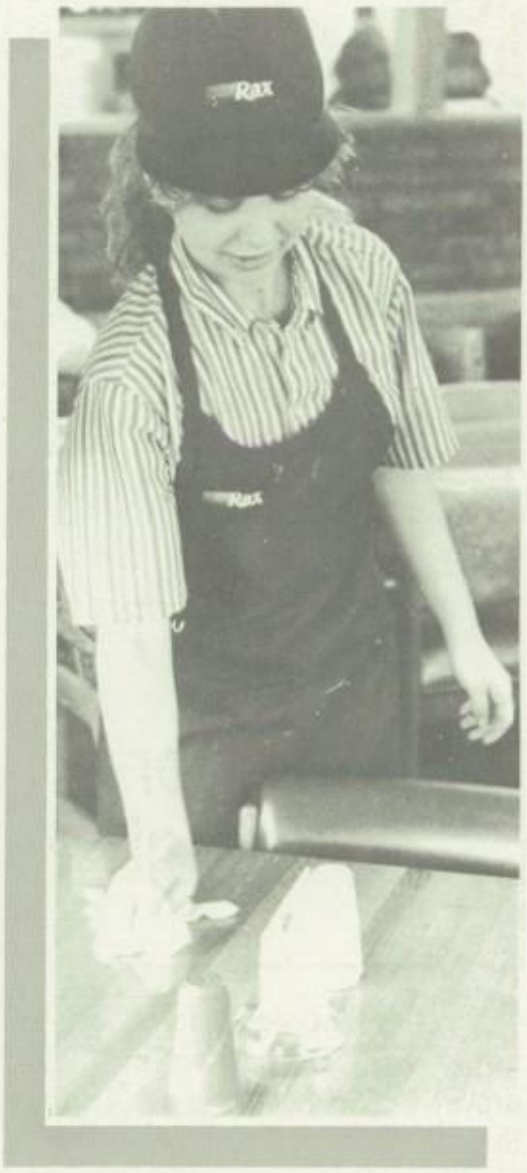
Darrin Bushong said, "It dealt with all aspects of business. I found the business world facinating. I took ME so I could get an early start on my future."

Some co-op students took part in FBLA contests with other chapters. COE students competed in filing, typing, and office skills. ME students took part in local, state, and national DECA competition. They went to Utah for nationals.

Vail Miller

A GOOD TIME FOR THE GREAT TASTE! Julie Patterson gets ready to prepare fish filets at McDonald's. She prepared food and kept the dining room area clean. *Murdock Photo*

SHINE, SHINE, SHINE! Making a table sparkle, Jennifer Cole wipes it clean. Late lunch, early dinner traffic kept this OWE student quite busy. *Murdock Photo*

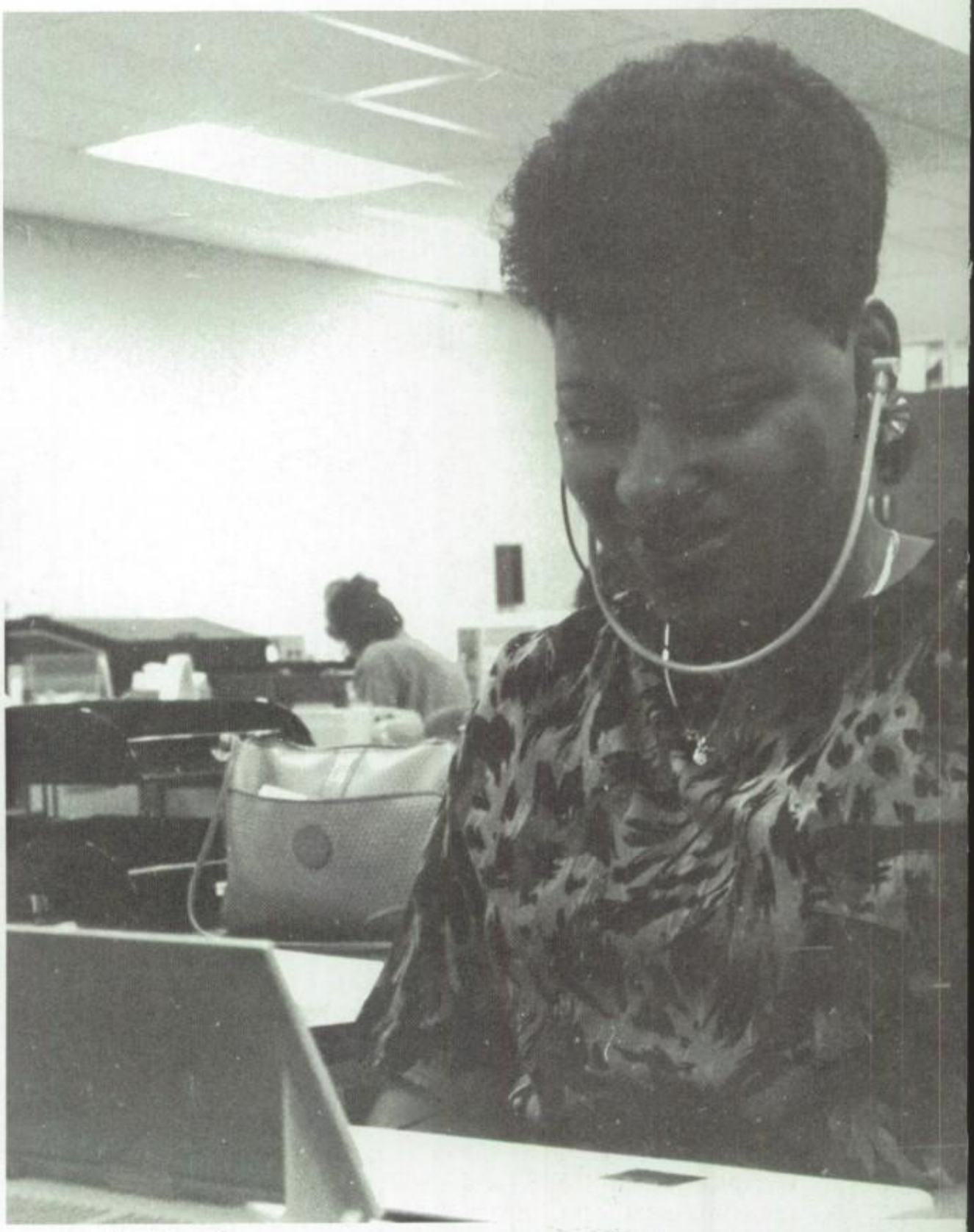


COME ON, COME ON! says Kimberly Gresh as she leads a horse back to its stall. She worked at a thoroughbred horse farm for her DCT job. *Barlow Photo*

KEEPING TRACK! On her COE job, Pam Osborn stays busy at L.M. Berry. She helped keep up the ever present paper work that never stopped. *Murdock Photo*

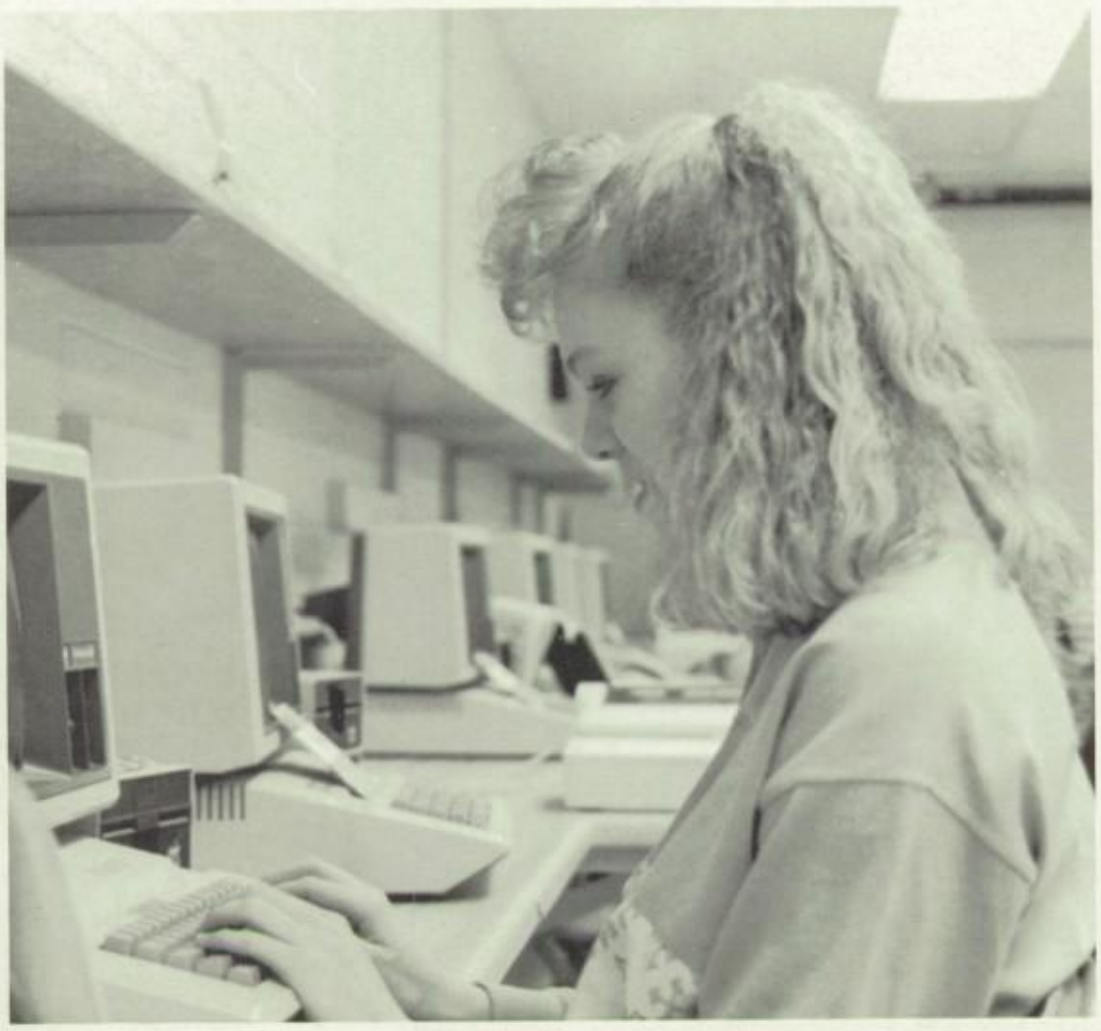
LISTEN CLOSELY! Carefully paying attention to her dictating machine, junior Donna Brown types frantically to keep up with the machine. *Mallory Photo*

STUDY HARD! Junior Rachel Davis reads over her textbooks to prepare to use the data processor. Davis planned to return next year. *Mallory Photo*



SUCCESS! Many of Fairmont's FBLA students listen as Steve Tatone talks about his success as a car salesman. Many enjoyed the talk with Tatone. *Barlow Photo*

FINALLY! Sighing with relief junior Teresa Blosser releases her finished letter. Blosser anticipated her days as a senior IOE student at Fairmont. *Mallory Photo*



STRATEGY! Fairmont senior Wendy Gillam works hard in computer class to figure her programs. Gillam earned half a credit in Computers I. *Mallory Photo*

WHAT? IOE student, Shawn Dietz, types into a confusing computer file. Besides learning to use computers, she learned other business techniques. *Mallory Photo*

BUSINESS

Fairmont's wide variety of programs prove helpful to future career expectations

Fairmont's business program and extra-curricular activities seemed very popular with the upper classmen this past year. Joyce Von Gruenigen, chairman of the business department, felt that the business department keeps growing.

Fairmont variety of courses offered included accounting, keyboarding, business law, retail selling, and consumer economics. Von Gruenigen thought the courses helped students personally and it also helped improve their skills needed for work.

Computers seemed popular with Fairmont students, which made the keyboarding classes even more popular than ever. Students wanted to take computer classes because they felt computers have a multitude of practical uses. "I decided to take computers I because computers are a thing of the future," commented Mercy Midturi.

Junior IOE instructor, Marilyn Lemons, commented, "The purpose of the IOE class was to prepare students to do whatever required of them in the office." IOE, intensive office education, taught students skills needed for secretarial jobs. The students learned shorthand, business English, and other office related skills.

In the second semester seniors obtained jobs from businesses during school hours and earned more than minimum wage. IOE students received office-type jobs at Dover Medical, Wagner Insurance, Delco Products among others. The seniors enjoyed the advantage of earning credits, experience, and cas at the same time.

FBLA proved one of the most active clubs on Fairmont's campus. Future Business Leaders of America encouraged students to learn the different areas of business. Darrin Bushong, FBLA's president for two years, commented, "I think FBLA encouraged all the members to learn more about the business world."

FBLA's activities consisted of a field trip to the Kettering radio station WHIO, selling candy bars, interesting guest speakers, meetings, contributing to Holiday Aid, and showing their expertise at Ohio's state conference.

FBLA competed with other chapters in Ohio in business skills and returned with five trophies. They won three first-place trophies in keyboarding, salesmanship, and entreprenurship. "I think the best part of FBLA was going to Columbus for the Convention," stated Brett Bensfield, FBLA's vice-president.

Fairmont offered a wide range of opportunities for those students interested in a business career in the future.

Linnette Nypaver

I REALLY NEED HELP! During the long process of writing his senior thesis Mike Thuma asks teacher Joan Leary for some last-minute advice. *Murdock Photo*

I'LL NEVER FINISH! In hurrying to complete his book, sophomore Chris Seasholtz hopes that his teacher will not give a pop quiz over the assignment. *Kreitzer Photo*

OUTLET

English department supports **Aerie** as place to showcase student talents

Can you name a subject in which the entire student body participated in every year of high school? Only one subject came to mind — English. Every pupil under Fairmont's roof entered an English class at least once during the day.

Seniors wrote their research papers at different times of the year. Students enrolled in literary analysis, enriched, worked on theirs during the second quarter, and students in the standard program wrote theirs during the third quarter.

Student opinions varied on writing research papers. "Although the work was tedious and time costly, I enjoyed learning about my topic," commented senior Leslie McCoy. In addition, Carolyn Macchia added in saying "I gained a lot of knowledge from writing one research paper which will help me in college."

Although seniors kept themselves busy with research, sophomores and juniors never sat around. In early 1988, students took an assessment test, required by the state of Ohio. Teachers at Fairmont made the prompts for which the pupils wrote a paragraph or multi-paragraph papers depending on their level. Frank Monturo, head of the English department, stated, "It was a valid test of the sophomore and junior writing competancy."

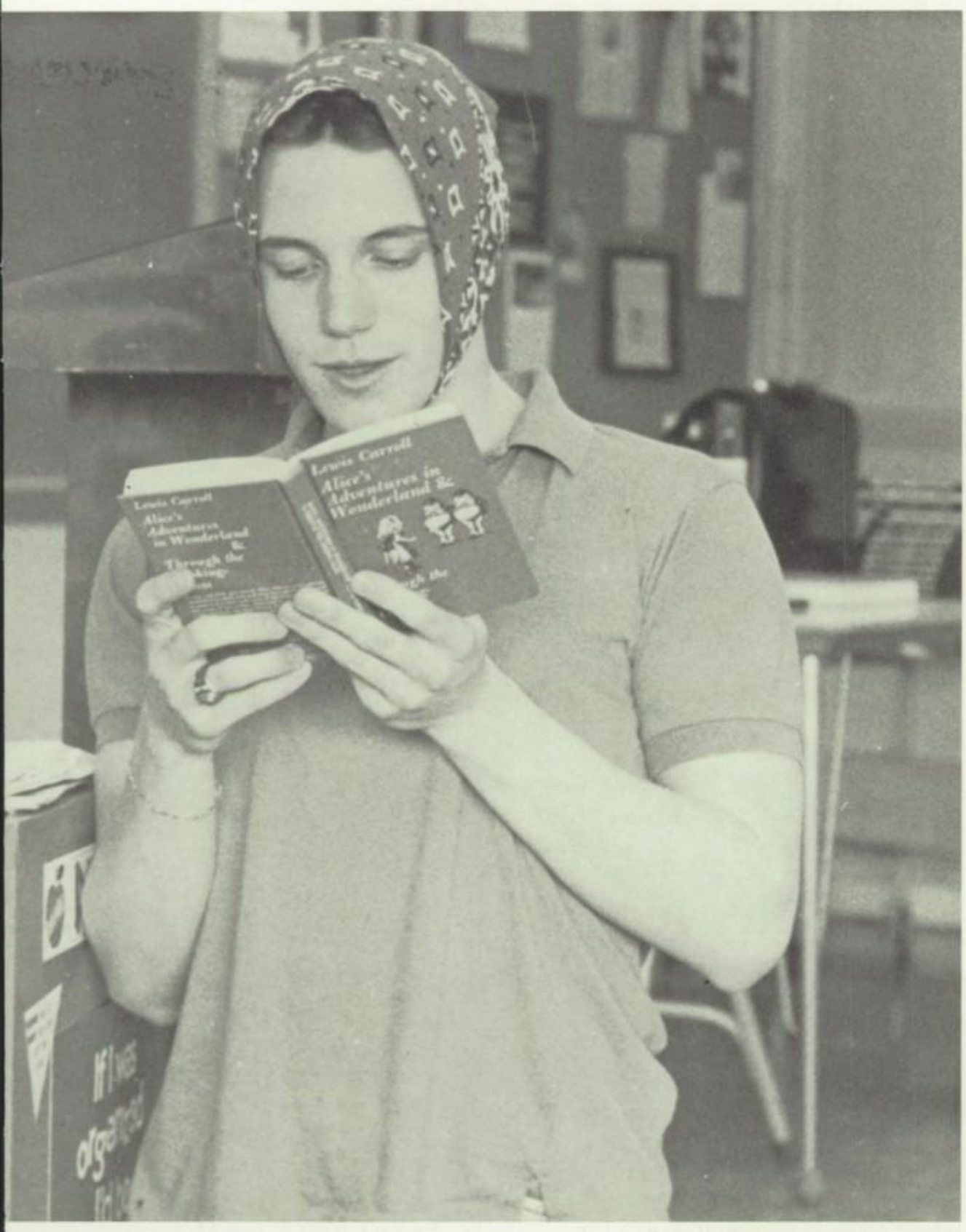
On the other side of the fence, students retained mixed feelings about the test. Junior Amy Long commented, "I think it was stupid since we don't receive a grade on it." Sophomores Russell Brown and Bill Crabtree said, "The test was good and challenging, but the topic could have been more interesting."

Some students enjoyed writing for the fun of it. People who fitted that description went by the nickname "Closet Writer" due to the fact that no one ever read their masterpieces. **Aerie**, the literary magazine, provided a place for such writers.

Under the direction of co-editors Sheri Cole and Jana Katsuyama, with the help of Molly Youngkin as managing editor, they produced **Aerie**. In selecting the staff, editors held interviews plus each student submitted a sample of their writing.

Students involved in the magazine stated different reasons for wanting to work on **Aerie**. "I enjoyed writing and wanted to be involved with the magazine," commented Matt Hickey, assistant editor. Cole said, "The staff brought everyone together as well as the students' work." In the end English and **Aerie** grew together in many different ways.

Karen Kreitzer



NEW STYLE! While giving a speech in Sharon Rab's English class, senior Rick Dalton adds a little extra excitement to his presentation. *Murdock Photo*

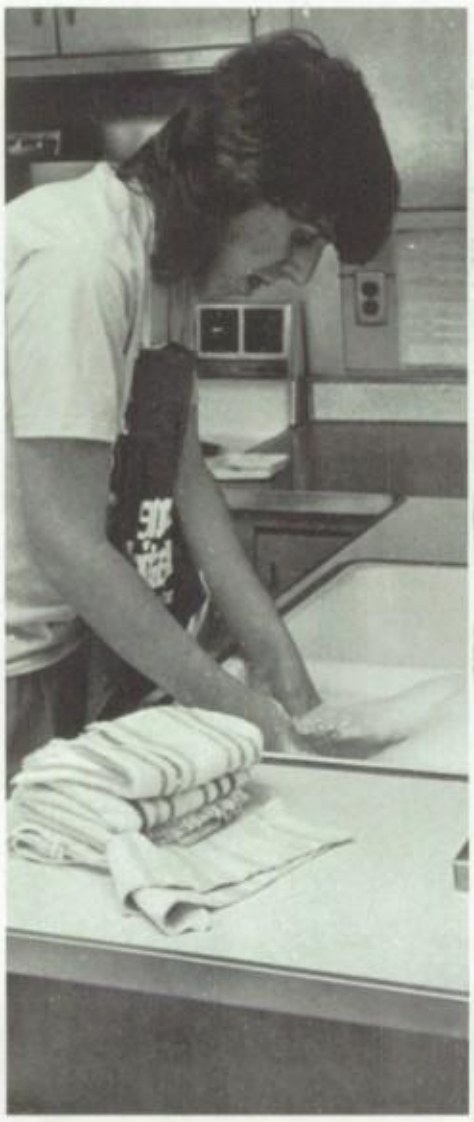
"HEY WHAT ABOUT THIS IDEA?" By looking through different sources, seniors Monica Lonigo and Jennifer Palcher discover new ideas for **Aerie**. *Youngkin Photo*

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS? As seniors Jana Katsuyama and Sheri Cole, and junior Matt Hickey look over submissions, they select the ones for the magazine. *Youngkin Photo*

OH WHAT A FEELING! After the completion of his speech in English class, senior Steve Ruetschle jumps in the air to show his relief and excitement. *Murdock Photo*

CAREFUL NOW! While steering around the drivers education course, Jennifer Jones realizes driving a car becomes easier after some practice hours are logged. *Mallory Photo*

HOUSEWORK! Sophomore Jeff Geeting finds himself bound to the typical household chores of washing dishes after completing a cooking assignment in class. *Barlow Photo*

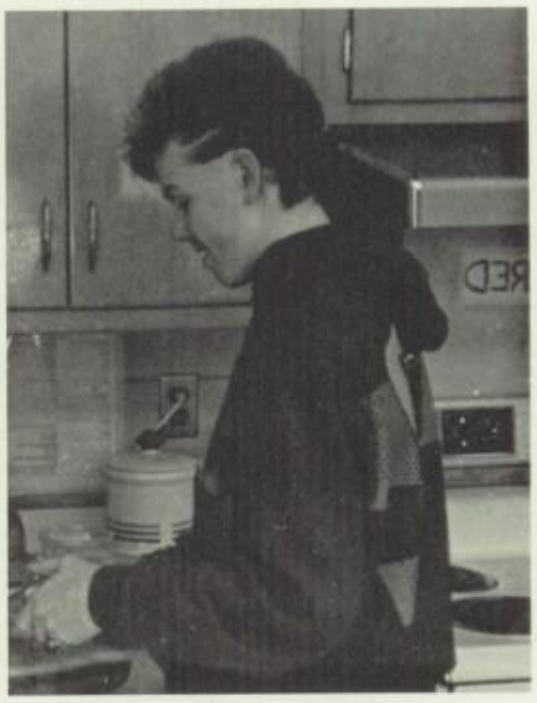


OOPS! Mike Kamper manages to snag a pylon while training to pass his maneuverability test. Most students found this exercise unbearable. *Mallory Photo*

NO PROBLEMS HERE! Searching under the hood, senior Larry Johnson discovers that only minor repairs need to be made for this car to run properly again. *Mallory Photo*

CARBURATOR BLUES! Shawn Rice finds automotives a change from day to day activities and a sense of pride in doing his own car repairs. *Mallory Photo*

SCOOPING WATERMELON? Preparing a tasty fruit salad, Clark Patterson proudly displays his slicing methods learned in home economics class. *Barlow Photo*



THERAPY!

Practical classes ease high school tensions for domestic, industrial participants

Cautiously, students took special care when driving around fluorescent orange cones or carrying their "baby" egg for home economics class. These activities involved improving industrial, domestic, and physical skills.

Focusing on team sports and upgrading fitness, physical education required all sophomores to participate in lacross, volleyball, floor hockey, and other sports. Not only did the activities stress their bodies physically, but also exposed students to unusual sports they might not have played otherwise.

Sophomore Jeff Williams remarked, "Gym was one of my favorite classes; I especially liked field hockey." Taught by an experienced staff, physical education remained a favored class offered at Fairmont.

Also required in Ohio, all drivers under 18 strived to pass drivers' education to acquire the necessary certificate to attain a license. Students of this class endured a semester of simulators, driving training, educational movies, and rule books.

After receiving ample training, many students became excited about testing their skills on the road. Sophomore David Wiley summarized, "I'm sure everyone was a little scared at first about driving on the road after just pretending to be driving, especially doing city and highway driving, but after the first run, everyone was a little more relaxed."

Industrial education helped students in applying mechanical and practical applications to everyday life or a future job. Some of the vocational industrial skills involved electronics, graphics, automotives, woodworking, and drafting.

"I took electronics for several years and I really gained a lot of knowledge on about anything involving electricity," remarked senior Alan Smith after just finishing a semester project. Just about every student said that they attained something valuable that could help them live easier now, and in the future.

Home economics appeared to many students as an easy credit. The reality hit them in the face when they realized that the class helped them see what household management could bring. From smart buying to balancing a budget, students in this class learned ideas to help them in the future.

Sophomore Chris Macy remarked, "I originally took the class for an easy credit, but ended up getting something out of it and having a little fun."

Larry van Schagen

NOT BAD! Relaxing for the moment Paul Loomis takes in the sights. Most students agreed that the field trips provided interesting learning. *Anderson Photo*

INTERESTING! Awaiting entry into the condominium, Laura Russell takes a look around while Sherry Boehmer reads to pass the time. *Anderson Photo*

VARIETY

KSFS, field trips, mentorship challenge Fairmont's motivated student body

Many programs at Fairmont gave students a chance to learn outside of the campus environment. The mentorship program, Kettering Summer Field Studies; KSFS; and field trips provided students with this oppurtunity. All these activities received avid interest and participation from Fairmont's active students.

Students interested in exploring fields and occupations obtained this opportunity through the mentorship program. Ellis Miller organized the students and provided them with a mentor, who wished to take on a student, in the student's desired field.

Mentors worked in all fields which gave the students a vast choice. Students had to work for 18 hours alongside their mentor. To recieve the 1/4 credit awarded for participation in the program, the students wrote a report about what they experienced and learned from their mentor.

Matt Prevost, who took part in the program, stated, "The mentorship program was one of the greatest things I had ever been involved in at Fairmont. It gave me an insight into the business world and through the program I realized I wanted to major in business at the undergraduate level,"

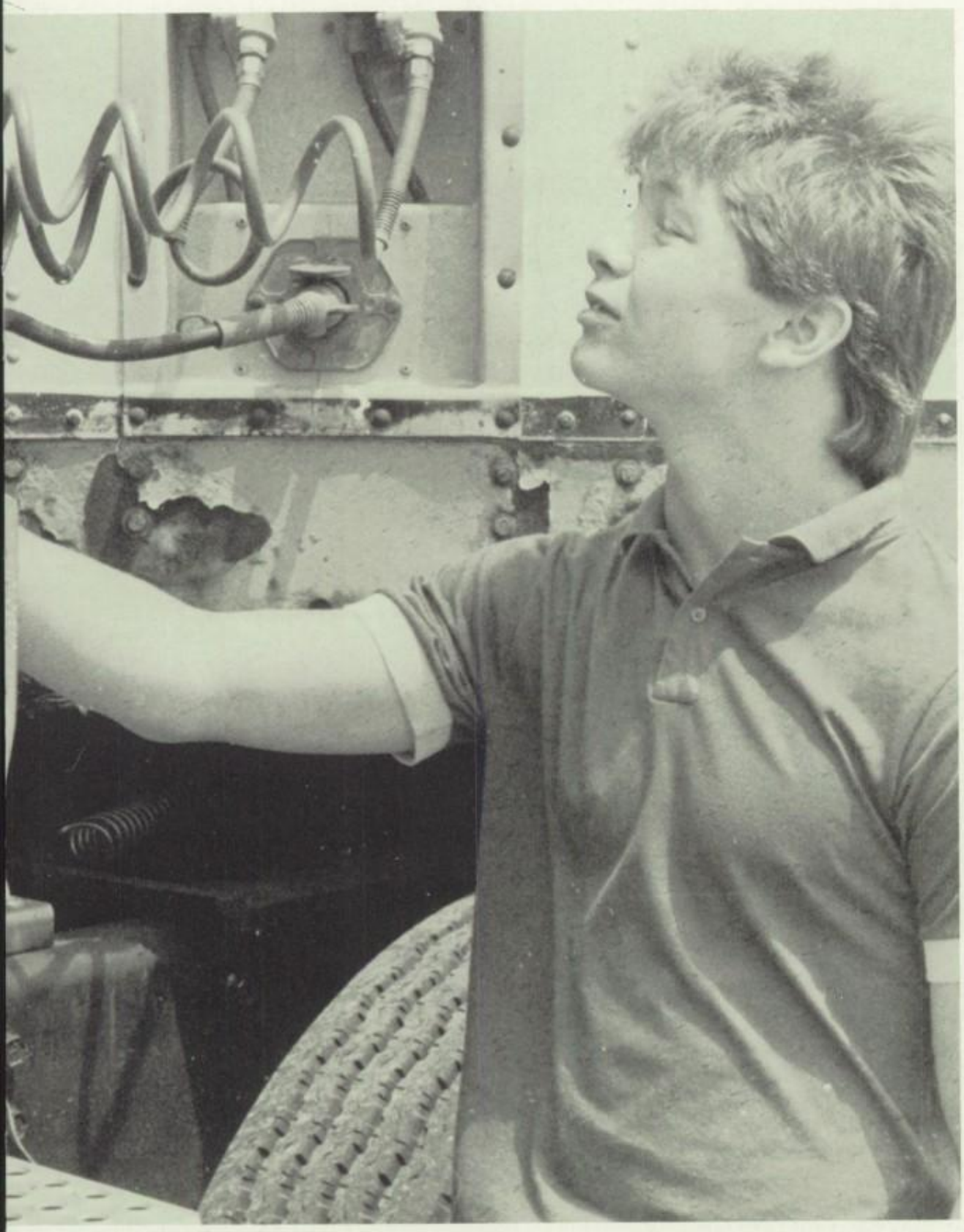
Along with the mentorship program, KSFS provided students the chance to learn outside the school environment. Last summer, Fred Kingrey and Ken Durst planned and organized a trip to the Pacific Northwest. Four adults and 26 students took part in the program.

Spending five weeks on the trip allowed the group to travel through out Wyoming, Washington, Montana, California, and Oregon. The group visited such spots as the Cascades, the Redwood Forest, and Glacier National park. "I saw and experienced parts of the U.S. I had only heard or read about," Wendy Gillam commented.

To receive the credit offered by the course, the students completed a project. The project consisted of a collection and the students completed reading assignments regularly. "The learning experience varied from any other because the students learned in the field with their peers. They experienced things they wouldn't on a family vacation," explained Kingrey.

Field trips also brought variety to students' school days. The interior design class visited a carpet store, the Residence Apartments, and the Patterson Homestead. "It felt good to get out of the classroom and learn. It made the learning much more exciting," commented Jenny Dixon.

Kate Karter



COMPLICATED! Studying the intricacies of a deisel truck, Jim Stanley serves his mentorship. Stanley found the experience valuable to his future. *Murdock Photo*

WATCH YOUR STEP! Carefully exploring Hells's Canyon, Jason Denlinger, Matt Hancock, Rick Hecker, and Sean Hauser study some aspects of archeology. *Durst Photo*

LET'S EAT! Breaking for lunch after a long haul, Tom Brewster, Wendy Gillam, Brian Hyland, and Brian Stacy take a minute to cool off. *Durst Photo*

TAKING A BREAK! While on field trip to the Lincoln Park complex, Jenny Dixon, Sherri Beck, and Karmin Reese take a minute to discuss what they've learned. *Anderson Photo*

WELCOME! Principal Frank Spolrich greeted the candidates and their parents during the April 27 induction ceremony at the Fairmont auditorium. *Logan Photo*

INTRODUCING! Calling the names of yearbook staff members Molly Youngkin tells something about each inductee. Adviser Judy Logan awaits the oath taking. *Logan Photo*

SPEECH! NHS president Kim Edwards gave a talk to the incoming members of NHS. She welcomed parents and students to the annual spring event. *Logan Photo*

HARMONY! Performing a duet with piano and clarinet, Melissa Little and Greg Nuckols entertain the audence at the NHS ceremonies. *Logan Photo*

SCHOLAR!

Students receive academic recognition; 25 join ranks of Quill & Scroll

"I thought it was a very nice honor to receive," said senior Bob Householder after acceptance into Quill and Scroll. Founded in 1929 by high school jounalism advisers, Quill and Scroll became an honor society for high school journalists and editors.

To join this elite club students had to maintain an excellent grade point average and make a significant contribution to one of the school publications. Senior members James Smith, Julia Miles, Molly Youngkin, Michelle Sabadash, Jay Murdock, and Missy Harrod returned to help initiate the 25 new members.

Senior Jeff Bieber said, "This award gives students incentive to perform well and work hard for the school publication. This was a very nice ending to my high school journalism career."

National Honor Society, with about 40 members, topped the list as the most-prestigious organization at Fairmont. Senior Jennifer Quarin said, "NHS was one of the most-important clubs to belong to. It proved that the student was good in academics as well as involved in the school and community."

Penni Meyer, one of the three advisers, commented, "Community service is a very important part of NHS. We did a lot of things, but one of the best things we did was the tutoring of other students. I think it's important that students know what NHS is and want to be involved in helping the school."

NHS demanded a 3.5 grade point and extensive community service. Students had to have qualities such as leadership, good citizenship, scholarship, and knowledge to get into this very elite group. Once in NHS, the students had to earn four service points through involvement with NHS activities.

Besides tutoring students took part in Arbor Day, helping needy organizations, and reading to the blind. Kim Edwards, the NHS president, stated, "One of our main goals was to set a good example for the rest of the students to follow and I think we accomplished that." For recognition the NHS seniors got to wear the golden hoods at Graduation.

Joan DeLon, another adviser, stated, "Every year we give our remaining money to a worthy charity or organization. This year we decided to give it to the Latch Key Program. We felt it was one of the best and one of the most-needed organizations in town and across the country." NHS had $400 to donate to the after-school supervision program.

Chad Kemper

HAVE A COOKIE! Seniors Jeff Bieber and Mike Merrick relax after the Quill and Scroll ceremonies. Parents and students had a chance to mingle. *Logan Photo*

TRUTH WILL OUT! During the ceremony, an accident requires Jay Murdock to relight the symbol of truth. Jim Smith and Michelle Anderson await their turn. *Logan Photo*

IS IT STRAIGHT? Using a ruler to his advantage senior Doug Ray attempts to draw a line on th sign for the Homecoming picture backdrop.
Murdock Pho

Excuses To Pose!

"Firebirds had no excuses when it came to class pride. Sophomores felt a twinge of insecurity. WKET welcomed them with the Sophomore Social, designed to unite Van Buren and Kettering Junior High."

Juniors eased into their second year at Fairmont, winning the unit decorations during Spirit Week. Seniors showed their enthusiasm by starting off the new year with cheers and "Church Chat" at the Alter pep rally. On the flipside, Senior girls took their turn with a victorious powderpuff game.

Pep rallies excused students from class at 2:35 p.m., and some people used EVERY EXCUSE IN THE BOOK to avoid the crowds in the gym. Still, everyone wanted to stick together under the Fairmont name.

- ☐ **"I look much better in color than black and white pictures."**
- ☐ **"I can't have a picture, I just got my hair cut today."**
- ☐ **"My parents didn't want any pictures."**
- ☐ **"I don't look young for a senior; sophomores look older."**
- ☐ **"The flash blinded me, and I closed my eyes accidently."**

RESULTS! Pam Schriber helps NHS volunteer Tonya Johns, while Jim Butch shows the scoring process to Brian Phillips, Maria Monasterio, and Candis Pees. *Youngkin Photo*

Sponsoring events council proves top notch

SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL — Front Row: Anne Marie Ackerman, Katie Coleman, Ann Marshall, Jennifer Quarin, Randy Yoder. **Back Row:** Matt McCleary, Jeff McManus, Rob Polvino.

This year's Senior Class Council participated in practically every activity at Fairmont. The first activity consisted of float building. The Council put in many hours on the float, but as Rob Polvino stated, "It was a super time."

Homecoming took up most of the Council's time in the fall. Lobby decorations took much effort and planning. Steve Ruetschle spent many hours designing the lobby for the seniors.

In the spirit chain competition with Centerville High School, the Council donated $200. Fairmont won the competition and all the money donated went to a charity.

Council members helped in the annual food drive for the needy. "I felt the food drive was a great way to show that we care about the needy families in Kettering," said senior Stephen Shannon.

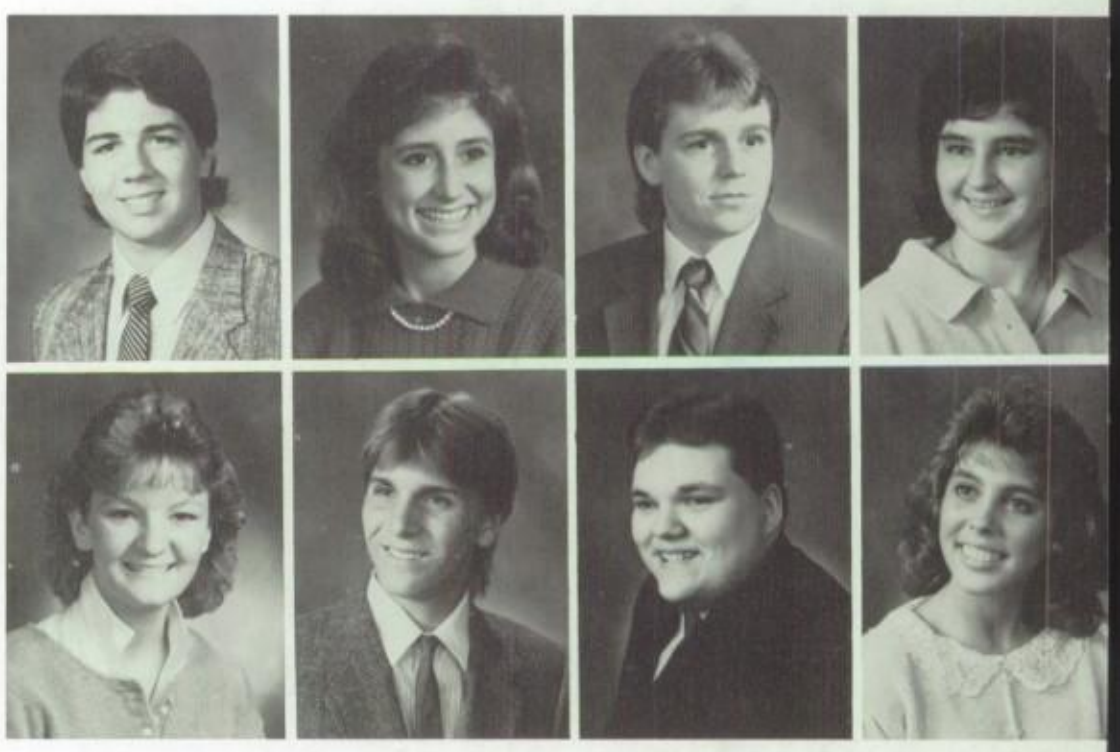
SEE HOW THEY RUN," the winter play sponsored by the Council received rave reviews. Council woman Jennifer Quarin stated, "The sponsoring of the play was a great idea. I'm glad we were able to help out with the production."

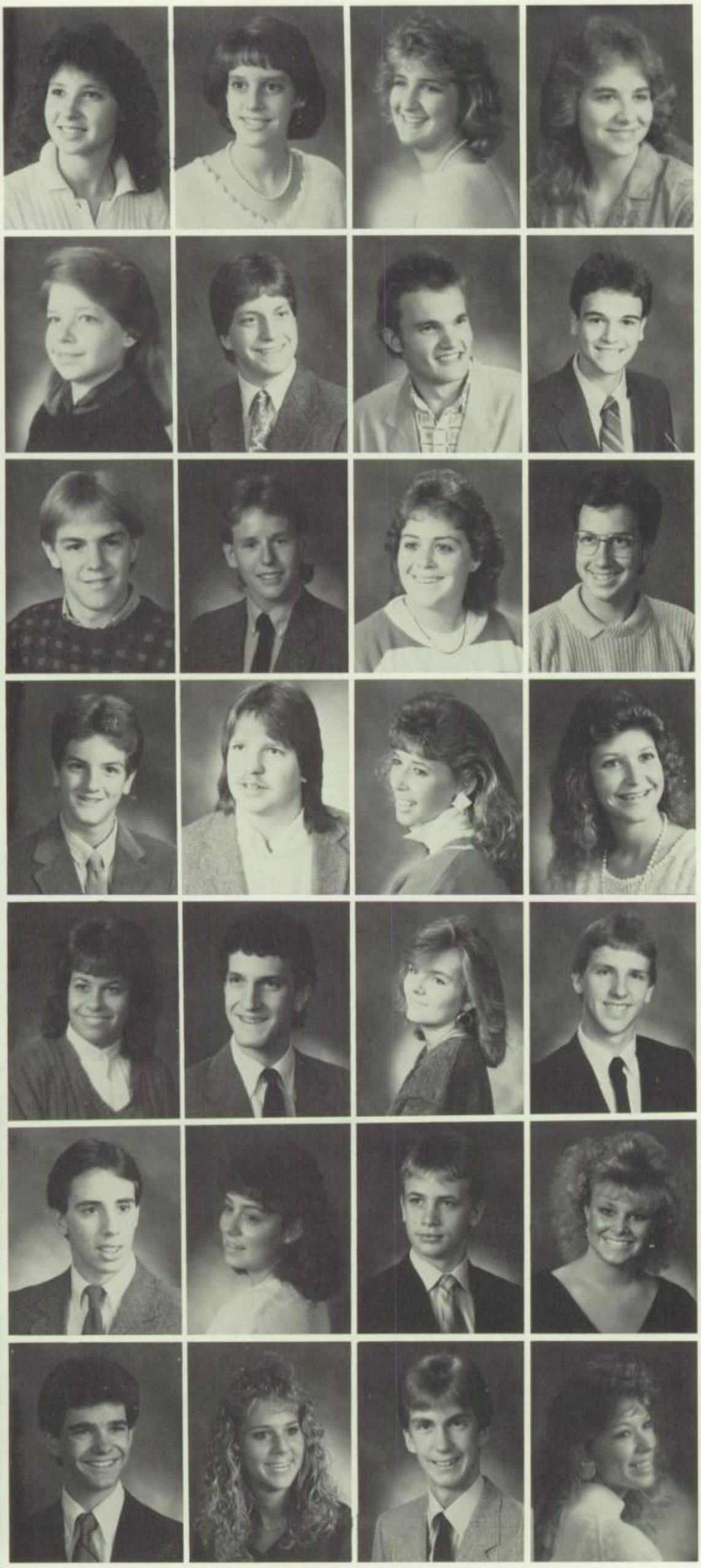
Turnabout kept the Council busy in the late winter. As usual, the dance attracted many couples. Senior Darrin Bushong commented, "I thought this years Turnabout was a blast."

All in all the Council made the final year special, providing everyone with fond memories of Fairmont High School.

CHRISTOPHER ABBOTT — band 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; AFS 3,4; ice hockey 2,3,4. ANNE MARIE ACKERMAN — Homecoming court 4; office assistant 2,3,4; USB 2,3, treasurer 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 3,4; Spanish club 2; Ski club 2; yearbook 3, co-editor 4; field hockey 2,3, tri-captain 4. WILLIAM ACKERMAN — chorus 3,4; lab assistant 3; track 2,3. SAMANTHA ADAMS — student.

SUSAN ALBERT — band 2; hockey honey 3; Muse Machine 3; DHO 3,4. LANZ AMANN — FBLA 4; Varsity F 4; Spanish club 4; soccer 2,3,4. JEFF AMMON — student. MICHELLE ANDERSON — drill team 2, squad leader 3, lieutenant 4; USB 4; FBLA 4; Spanish club 3, treasurer 4; NHS 3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4; NFL 2,3,4; newspaper 3, photo editor 4; Varsity F 2,3,4.





SUSAN ANDERSON-office assistant 4; USB 3,4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 4; Spanish club 2,4, planning committee 3; AFS 2,3,4; Ski club 2,3; yearbook 3, album editor 4; Outdoors club 2,3, event director 4; Muse Machine 2,3, team member 4; tennis 2,4; scholar athlete 4; Key Award Honorable Mention 4. ANNETTE ANTHONY-band 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Science club 3,4; JCOWA 3, treasurer 4; Ski club 2; NHS 4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Muse Machine 3. KRISTEN ARMSTRONG-Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 3; volleyball 2,3,4. CRYSTAL ARP-COE 4; FBLA 4; honor roll 4; general clerical 3.

KATHERN BAINTER-musical 4; student secretary 4; JCL 2,3,4; JCOWA 4; NFL 4; swimming 3. JOHN BALLARD-chorus 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; baseball 2,3; football 2,3,4. CRAIG BANNER-Varsity F 2; German club 2; gymnastics 2,3. DAVID BARBER-spanish club 3; Muse machine 4.

MATT BARCUS-Varsity F 2,3,4; JCL 2,3; swimming 2,3,4. MATT BARHORST-Varsity F 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3; swimming 2,3, most valuable 4. SUSAN BARKER-office assistant 4; FBLA 2,3,4; hockey honey 2,3,4; Muse Machine 4. JONATHAN BARLOW-band 2,3,4; Photography club 4; yearbook 3,4; WKET 2,3.

BRIAN BARTLEY-student. TIM BATES-student. ROBIN BEAULIEU-Homecoming court 4; office assistant 4; cheerleader 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2; Muse Machine 2,3; swimming 2. TAMMY BEDDIES-musical 2,3; drill team 2, squad leader 3, co-captain 4; office assistant 3,4; library assistant 2; honor roll 4; Spanish club 2; Photography club 3; WKET 2.

CHRISTINE BELL-WKET 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2; DHO 3,4. CHRIS BENEDETTI-band 2,3,4; orchestra 3,4; honor roll 2,3; WKET 2. VICKY BENGE-band 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; French club 2; hockey honey 3,4; Muse Machine 2,3,4. TONY BENSON-chorus 4; office assistant 4; Spanish club 2,3,4; soccer 2,3.

ROBERT BERARDI-lab assistant 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3; swimming 2,3,4; scholar athlete 3,4. JENNIFER BERG-fall play 3; winter play 3,4; drill team 2; lab assistant 4; USB 2; honor roll 2,3,4; JCOWA 3,4; NHS 3,4; Quill & Scroll 4; NFL 2,3,4; newspaper 4; WKET 4; Co-president operation awareness 4; softball 2,3; soccer mgr. 3. JOHN BERGER-lab assistant 4; office assistant 3; Varsity F 3,4; Outdoors club 3; scholar athlete 3; wrestling 2,3, tri-captain 4. MOLLY BERTRAND-hockey honey 2.

JEFF BIEBER-USB 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 4; Spanish club 2,3; AFS 2,3; JCOWA 2,3, secretary 4; NHS 4; Quill & Scroll 4; newspaper sports editor 4; Outdoors club 2,3; Muse Machine 3,4; tennis 2,3,4; soccer 2,3. JENNIFER BISHOP-drill team 3; cheerleader 2; honor roll 2,3,4; Outdoors club 4. TED BISHOP-chorus 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 3. KELLI BLAIR-Spanish club 2.

JOEL BLANFORD-Varsity F 2,3; French club 2; swimming 2,3. WENDY BLOSSER-band 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3; Math club 2,3; science club 3. AMANDA BLUE-FBLA 4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3; math club 2,3; Science club 3. BETTINA BOCKELMANN-Heinrich-Heine Gymnasium, West Germany 2,3; AFS 4; Ski club 4; Outdoors club 4; Muse Machine 4; tennis 4; track 4.

SHEILA BODISH-honor roll 3; German club 2,3; Muse Machine 4. SHERRY BOEHMER-lab assistant 4; honor roll 4; French club 2. GREG BONSER-student. TAWNYA BOOHER-chorus 2,3,4; office assistant 3; Sparkey 3; basketball mgr. 3.

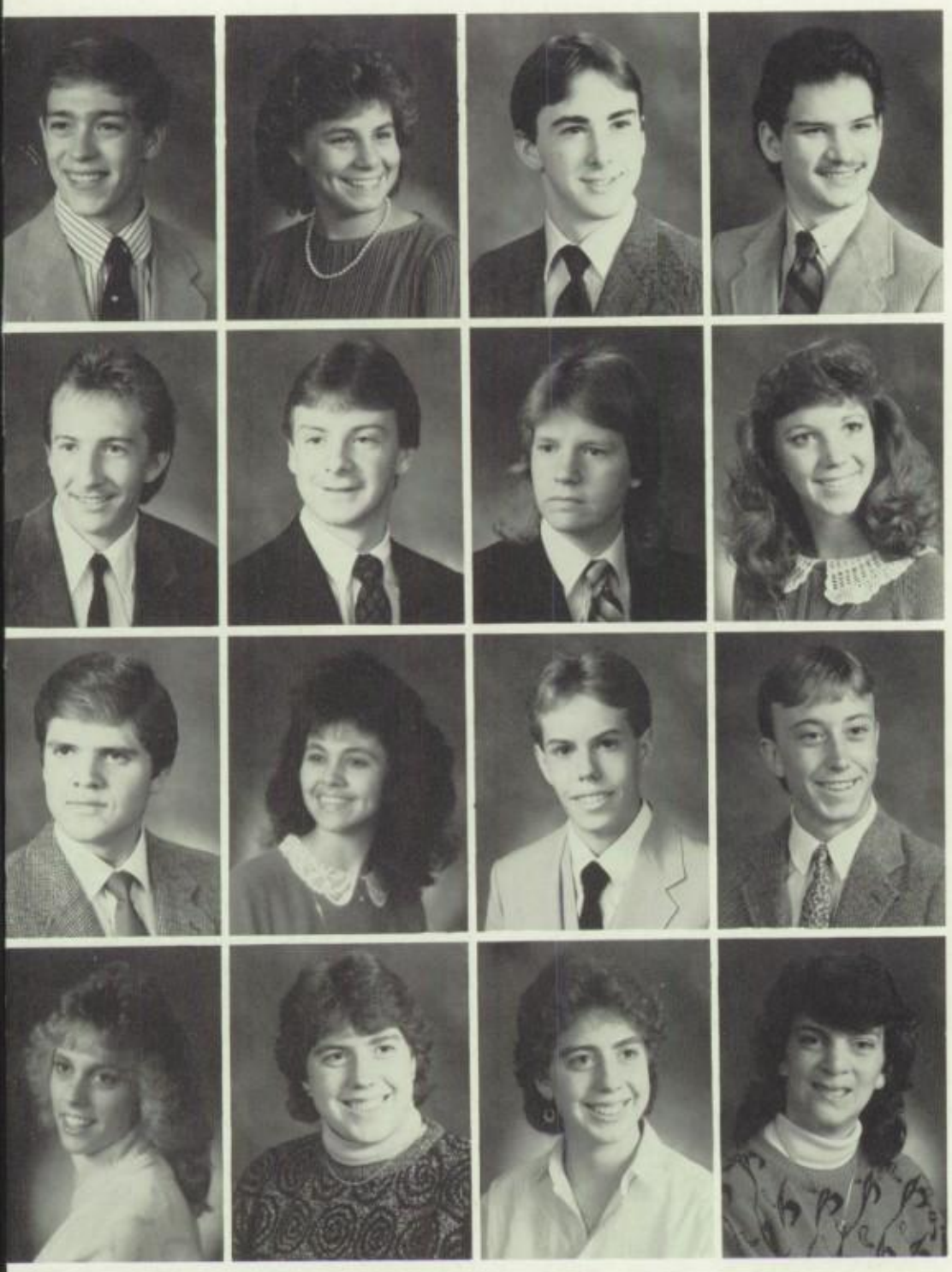
TOM BORNEMANN-baseball 2; basketball 2,3. RACHEL BOYD-office assistant 3,4; Spanish club 2. LAURA BRANDENBURG-Wayne High School 2; chorus 3,4; student secretary 3,4. MICHELLE BRANNON-chorus 2; Varsity F 2; soccer sidekick 2; FMC 2; DHO 3,4.

JONATHAN BRETZ-lab assistant 3; Chess club 2,3,4; football 4. THOMAS BREWSTER-student. TRACY BREWSTER-office assistant 3,4; honor roll 2,3; Muse Machine 2,3. BRETT BRINSFIELD-chorus 4; FBLA vice-president 4; Spanish club 2.

ANITA BRITTINGHAM-student. DAN BROCKMAN-honor roll 2,3,4; Muse Machine 3; Computer club 2,3,4. CHRISTYN BROOKS-student. AUTAVEA BROWN-student.

DAVID BROWN-student. DENISE BROWN-Varsity F 3,4; softball 2,3,4. KELLI BROWN-fall play 3; student 3,4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2, secretary 3, president 4; Latin NHS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; NFL 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2,3,4; Future Problem Solving 2,3,4; tennis 2,3,4. MICHAEL BROWN-Homecoming king 4; band 2,3,4; FBLA 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; Outdoors club 2; tennis 3.

TIM BROWN-FBLA 4; honor roll 2,4. TERESA BUCKNER-honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; AFS 4; Muse machine 4; Sparky 4. LORI BUGAJSKI-South Division Senior High School, Milwaukee, WS 2,3; COE 4; FBLA 4. THOMAS BURROUGHS-Southwest Dekalb High School, Decatur, GA 3; lab assistant 4; cross country 4; football 4; ice hockey 4.



DARRIN BUSHONG — Homecoming court 4; musical 4; USB 4; FBLA president 3,4; DECA 3, president 4; ME 3,4; Varsity F 3,4; JCOWA 4; cross country 3,4; football 2; track 2,3,4. ANGIE BUTCHKO — chorus 2,3; Varsity F 3,4; German club 2,3; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2; soccer 2,3,4. CHRIS CADE — track 2. SCOTT CALDWELL — musical 2,4; chorus 2,3,4.

ANTHONY CAMPBELL — student. JOHNNY CAMPBELL — Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3; baseball 2,3,4; basketball 2,3,4. TONY CANDELA — student. KELLY CAPEHART — Homecoming court 4; musical 2,3; chorus 2,3,4; Varsity F 3,4; cheerleader 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French NHS 2,3,4; Ski club 2; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 4; Muse Machine 2; show choir 3,4; track 2.

JOHN CARLSON — Easley High School, Easley, South Carolina 3; honor roll 4; French club 4; NHS 3,4. BILLIE CARNEY — musical 3; orchestra 2,3. BILL CARR — honor roll 2,3; French club 2; WKET 3. JOE CARSON — USB commissioner of pep and school spirit 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3; Spanish club 2,3, officer 4; NHS 3,4; cross country 3,4; track 2,3.

LORIANN CASE — band 2; Varsity F 4; tennis 2,3,4. BARBARA CASHDOLLAR — library assistant 3; Varsity F 2,3,4; basketball 2,3,4; track 2,3,4. BETH CASHDOLLAR — library assistant 2; WKET 2,3,4; basketball 2; track 2. KIM CATES — band 2,3,4; office assistant 4; AFS 2,3,4.

Reaching 18 gives students more freedom

Turning eighteen seemed a moment most seniors waited for with anticipation. But some seniors felt it represented nothing more than another birthday.

Many seniors felt turning eighteen signified adulthood and responsibility. Julie Cummins stated, "It gave me more freedom and responsibility." But, along with maturity came the fun of this age.

Some seniors realized the benefits of reaching eighteen. Pam Schriber explained, "I looked forward to turning eighteen so I could buy a Lotto ticket." Although some seniors felt eighteen gave them privileges, others thought of it more negatively.

Other seniors looked to the less positive side and felt no difference when they turned eighteen. "The only difference I felt was that I could get arrested," said west unit senior Matt Barhorst.

Whether positive or negative, most seniors harbored feelings about turning eighteen. Whether it meant more fun or the right to vote, seniors looked toward this age both excitedly and hesitantly. Knowing all people must turn eighteen, Fairmont seniors easily made the adjustment.

RESPONSIBILITY! While writing a note to excuse herself from class, senior Lisa MacPherson expresses her ability to show responsibility after turning 18. *Karter Photo*

Traveling seniors venture mainland, abroad

Attention passengers: We are approaching the runway and ask that you fasten your safety belts. We will be taking off in two minutes. Many Fairmont seniors commonly heard this warning throughout the year.

During John Kleinfeldt's visit to London, he experienced his first traditional English Christmas, as well as his first rugby game. John said, "Everything was so expensive, but I hope to go back in a few years." He went to visit his brother who attends a London University.

Going tropical, Donny Roepken and John Reaman cruised the Bahamas. Mr. and Mrs. Reaman presented John and the friend of his choice with a five-day stay in the Bahamas for a graduation gift. John's expectations of the tropics included local pub visits and fun in the sun.

While Reaman and Roepken vacationed in the Bahamas, Clarissa Michael visited Hawaii. Clarissa's mom joined her for the graduation vacation. This tropical trip lasted two weeks, Clarissa explained her agenda, "Mom and I cruised and toured the Hawaiian Islands for the week. We had a great time the entire week."

Susan Barker and Melissa Sparks remained inland. Susan became a California girl for a week, scuba-diving and fishing were on her long list of activities. Melissa joined her father on a business trip to the Sunshine state.

Senior Shelly Leo joined the trip to German-speaking countries with Tim Veogeli and Al Harshbarger. Leo stated, "One of the best parts of the trip was touring the salt mines. We dressed up like the workers of the mine. We rode little trains and slid down ramps to go deeper into the mines. We went about 500 feet under the ground. It was awesome."

Other seniors on the trip included: Matt Barhorst, Susan Anderson, Bret Kramer, Chris Wones, and Kim Edwards. Their stay lasted 19 days.

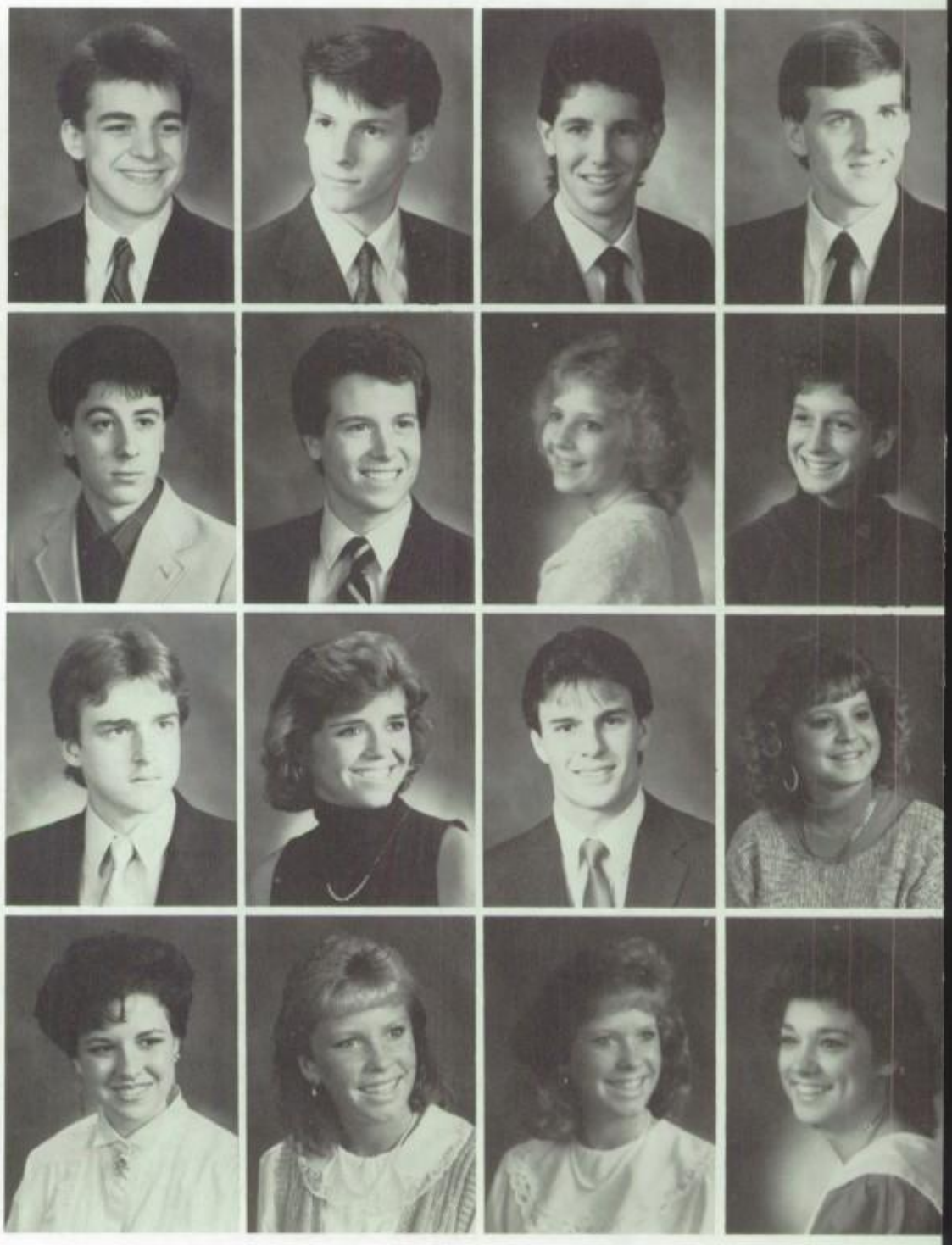
Obviously, many students heard the familiar phrase, "We have now reached an altitude of 2500 feet. You may unfasten your seat belts and roam about the cabin."

MATT CHAMBERLAIN — Varsity F 2,4; honor roll 3; French club 2,3; Photography club 2,3; Ski club 2; WKET 2,3, music director 4; track 2,3,4. MATTHEW CHANNELL — band 2,3,4; Science club 2,3; Photography club 4. THOMAS CHAPMAN — Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2,4, president 3; Math club 3,4; Science club 4; JCOWA 3, vice-president 4; NHS 3,4; NFL 3, treasurer 4; WKET 2,3,4; Muse Machine 3; track 2. MIKE CHRISTIAN — lab assistant 4; Varsity F 3,4; German club 2,3, treasurer 4; scholar athlete 3; football 3,4; tennis 2,3; soccer 2,3,4.

CHRIS CLARK — student. SEAN CLARK — Varsity F 4; football 3,4; track 2. PAM CLARY — lab assistant 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3; French NHS 2; Ski club 4. HOLLY CLAUS — honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; Photography club 4; Quill & Scroll 3,4; yearbook 3, student life editor 4; Outdoors club 2; field hockey 2,3.

BRADLEY CLEVER — Cocoa Beach High School, Cocoa Beach, Florida 2; band 3,4; German club 3. MUFFY CLUTTER — lab assistant 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3; French NHS 2,3,4; AFS 2,3, vice-president 4; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 2,3, events director 4; Muse Machine 3; scholar athlete 3,4; tennis 2,3, captain 4; swimming 2,3, tri-captain 4. BRIAN COFFEE — Homecoming court 4; gym assistant 4; USB 4; JCL 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; basketball 2,3,4. ANGIE COLE — drill team 3; stage crew 2; office assistant 3; COE 4; FBLA 4.

SHERI COLE — fall play 3; USB 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; NHS 3, vice-president 4; JCL 2, secretary 3,4; JCOWA 3; NFL 2,3, secretary 4; Muse Machine 2,3, theatre team captain 4; tennis 2,3,4. AMY COLEMAN — Homecoming court 4; office assistant 3,4; Varsity F 3,4; yearbook 4; scholar athlete 3; field hockey 2,3,4; Quill & Scroll 4. KATHERINE COLEMAN — office assistant 2,3,4; USB 2,3,4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 3,4; Art club 4; yearbook 4; field hockey 2,3,4. RHONDA COLLINS — OWE 3,4.



BON VOYAGE! Senior Brad Clever gathers his summer wardrobe for his trip South to the Sunshine state of Florida, to vacation with his father.
Barlow Photo

SNOOZE! On his way to Germany from Switzerland, senior Matt Barhorst catches up on lost sleep. In Germany they stopped at the Hofbrauhaus.
Anderson Photo

ELIZABETH COLUMBUS-chorus 4; student secretary 3,4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; Math club 3; Outdoors club 2,3,4; scholar athlete 4; soccer 2,3, co-captain 4. ASTOR COMBS-student. DOUG COMMONS-gymnastics 3. BECKY COMMONS-Spanish club 4; NFL 2; Muse Machine 4.

JILL CONLEY-musical 2,3,4; chorus 2,3,4; show choir 4. DAWN CONN-FBLA 3,4; honor roll 2; JCI 2,3,4; Latin NHS 2; WKET 2,3,4; USB 4. MARTINA CORTELAZZO-Liceo Classico Scipione Maffeii, Verona, Italy 2,3; AFS 4; Muse Machine 4; track 4. STACEY COST-honor roll 4; NFL 2; WKET 4.

CHRIS COTTER-FBLA 3,4; Ski club 3; yearbook 4. TONIA COTTER-Fletcher Academy, Fletcher, NC 2; Muse Machine 4. ROBIN COX-FBLA 4; DECA 4; ME 4; French club 2; AFS 3. KELLI CRANK-student.

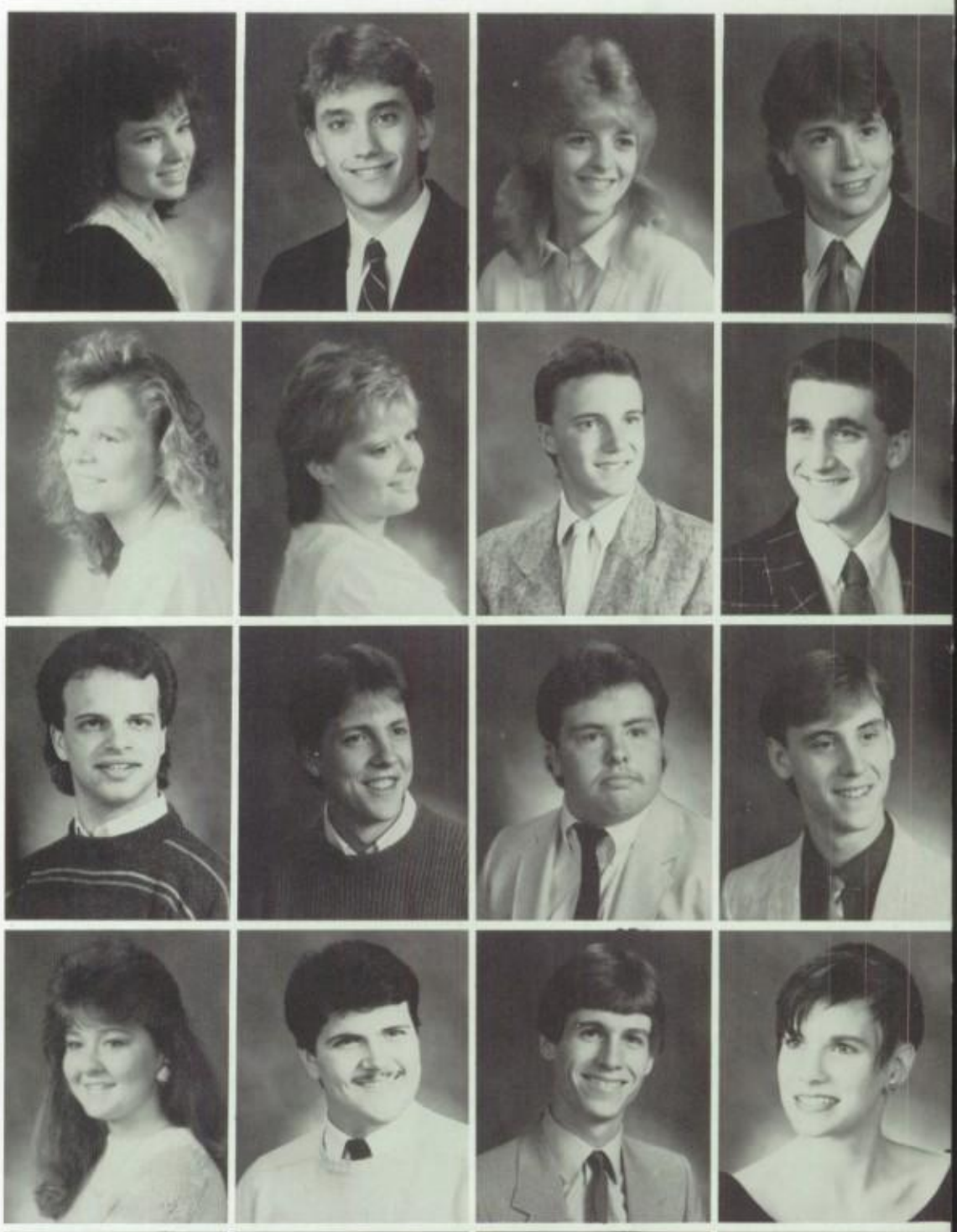
TRACEY CRIGGALL-St. Edmonds, Brooklyn, NY 2; office assistant 3; COE 4; FBLA 3,4. TERRA CRIPE-band 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2,3,4; Latin NHS 2,3,4; Science club 3, secretary 4; AFS 2,3, vice-president 4; NHS 4; NFL 2, Muse Machine 2,4. BRIAN CUMMINGS lab assistnat 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 2,3. JULIE CUMMINS-office assistant 3; FBLA 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2.

CHRISTINE CURRAN-band 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2,3,4; Ski club 3; SKET 2,3,; Muse Machine 2,3,4. KURT DAHM-student. MICHELLE DAILEY-general clerical 3,4. JOE DANIEL-Varsity F 3; honor roll 2,3,4; cross country 2,3; track 3.

ANNE DAPORE-Varsity F 4; Photography club 4; hockey honey 4; cross country 2; track 4. RHONDA DAUGHERTY-band 2; DECA 4; ME 4; Sparky 4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2; French NHS 3,4. RICK DAULTON-band 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; lab assistant 3,4; USB 3; Math club 4; JCOWA 3; Muse Machine 2,3; show choir 4; tennis 2; swimming 2,3,4; scholar athlete 3. MARK DAVENPORT-Varsity F 3; honor roll 4; swimming 3.

CLARK DAVIDSON-musical 4; chorus 2,3,4; USB 2; show choir 3,4. ALAN DEIS-student. NICK DELLIS-WKET 2,3.. JASON DENLINGER-student.

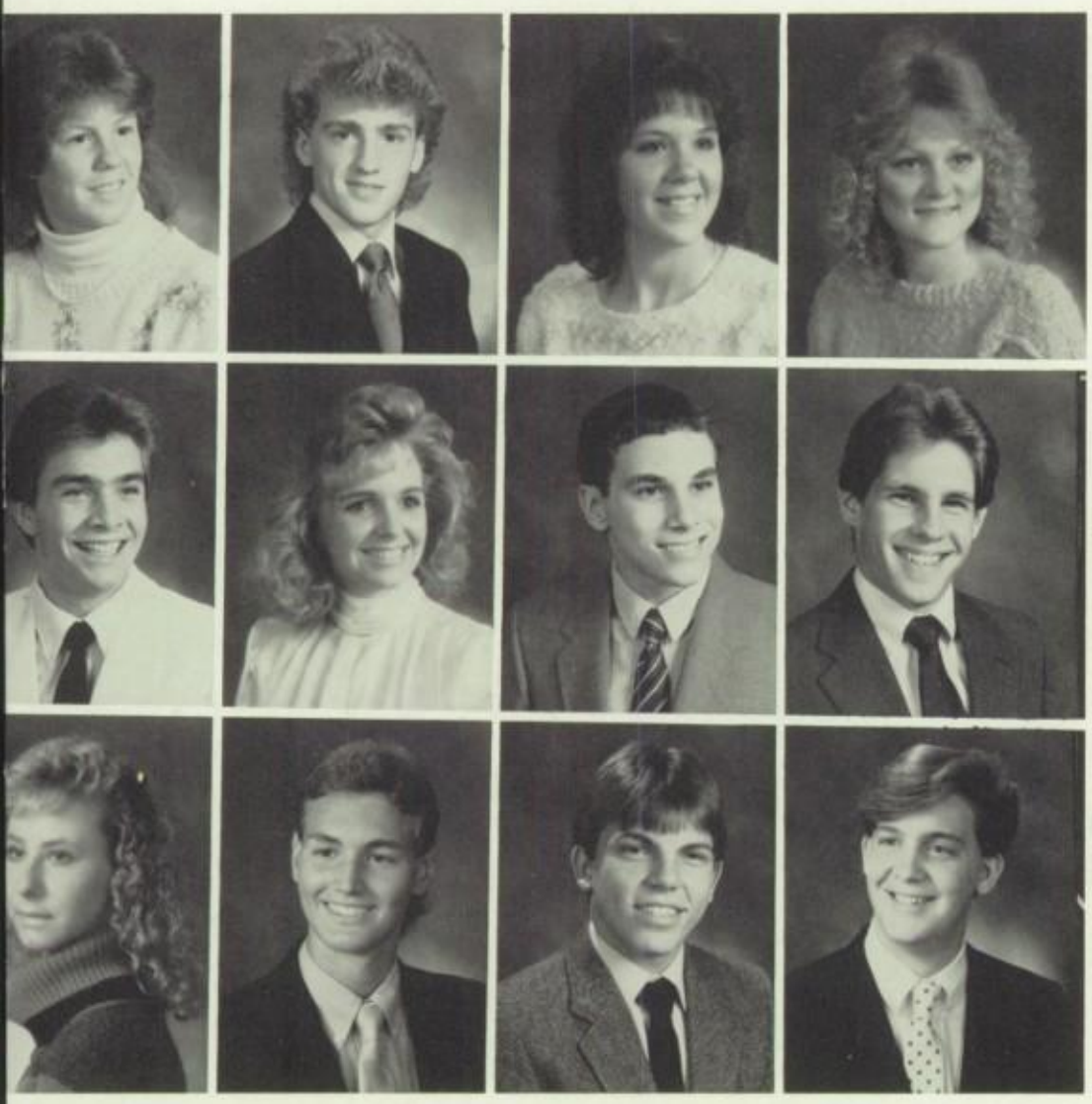
SHERI DEPEW-Varsity F 3,4; cheerleader 2,3,4; Spanish club 4; basketball 2; track 2; gymnastics 3. JEAN-PAUL DESROSIERS-FBLA 3; WKET 2. JAMES DINSMOOR-student. VALERIE DINSMORE-student.



ANGELA DISHON-French club 2; student assistant 3; stat 2,3. MICHAEL DOLLE-OWE 3,4. LISA DONAHUE-student. APRIL DONOHOO-musical 2,3; orchestra 2,3,4; honor roll 3.

TIM DOYLE-Varsity F 2,3,4; Spanish club 3,4; JCOWA 3; NFL 3; newspaper 4; cross country 2,3, MVP 4; track 4; wrestling 2,3. JASON DRAKE-Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; football 2,3,4; track 2,3. CUONG DU-student. HA DU-student.

CRAIG DUDLEY-Varsity F 4; WKET 2,3; football 2,3,4. GERALD DUGGAN-lab assistant 2,3; FBLA 3,4; Varsity F 3,4; French club 2,3,4; Photography club 2,3,4; Ski club 4; newspaper 4; Muse Machine 2. KRISTIN DUNKLE-orchestra 2,3; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3; French NHS 2; Science club 4; NHS 3,4; USB 2,3, president 4; Math club 3, treasurer 4; Muse Machine 2,3, captain 4; tennis 3,4. KEN EBER-student.



KIMBERLY EDWARDS — honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; NFL 3, officer 4; NHS 3, president 4; mentorship 3; basketball 2; cross country 2,4; track 2,3,4. JASON EGGLESTON — musical 3,4; chorus 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; show choir 3,4; cross country 2; track 2. LEIGH ELLERBROCK — DECA 3,4. ANGIE ELLIOTT — OWE 3,4.

SHAWN ELLIS — lab assistant 3,4; FBLA 3; honor roll 2,3. KATHRYN ERICSON — musical 4; band 2,3,4; honor roll 2; German club 2,3,4; Ski club 3,4; Muse Machine 2,3,4. KERRY ESTES — musical 2; orchestra 2; lab assistant 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Science club 3,4; NHS 3,4. JOHN EVERSON — cross country 4.

KIM EYLER — FBLA 4; honor roll 2. RYAN FAIR — Varsity F; basketball 2,3,4. RICK FELTNER — Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; wrestling 2,3,4. STEVEN FERDELMAN — band 2,3,4; office assistant 4; German club 2,3; Ski club 2; WKET 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2.

Unforgettable auditions, tryouts linger

As she entered the room, it seemed that a spotlight surrounded her. All eyes turned to the nervous girl expectantly. Hopefully, all of her hours of hard work would pay off and she would pass this skill test.

This scene, describing a tryout for cheerleading, probably seemed familiar to many senior girls. One senior ventured to tell her story, "I remember feeling sick to my stomach right before I had to go in and cheer. Afterwards I was so relieved it was over," commented Jennifer Quarin.

Not only did cheerleading hold tryouts but almost all of Fairmonts' sports teams had them. These tryouts usually included several practices and ended with dreaded eliminations by the coaches. From baseball to basketball, senior boys and girls tried all their skills.

Musicals and school plays also had their share of auditions. These auditions seemed just as hard and as nerve-wracking as sports tryouts according to some seniors. Senior, Jennifer Berg stated, "I was really tense before I tried out but was pleased with the part I got."

While an audition or a tryout seemed traumatic experience for seniors, the people who had to make the final decisions had it just as rough. All of those coaches and play directors found themselves in a bad situation when it came down to eliminations.

Auditions and tryouts seemed a nuisance to just about everyone. Sometimes they turned out prosperous and sometimes turned out dissappointing. Over the years seniors took these obstacles in stride and in the end accepted it all as a part of growing up.

STRETCH! Boys track hopefuls warm up before practice. Warming up made for an important part of the pre-practice rituals performed everyday.
Barlow Photo

Twentieth century arrives for senior girls

ON A DATE? Senior Kelli Menke asks Jason Isenbarger for a weekend date. Following the role of many girls, Menke's date came true. *Thornburg Photo*

She asked me out on a date! By the time girls became seniors, asking a guy out for a date proved easier. Fellow classmates, the senior men, seemed to enjoy the chance if they got asked out. Senior Todd Morrow expressed, "I think it rocks! It says a lot about a woman who has the courage to go against conformist traditions. Every time I tried to ask a girl out, I began to sweat immensly and lost control." Many seniors felt the same way. Relationships bloomed for girls who asked guys out. Brian Coffee's story went as this, "I was always to shy to ask a girl out, but when my present girlfriend asked me out on our first date, I accepted, and now we have a great relationship."

Another common expressed feeling from the guys happened to be "the revenge!" For centuries men asked women on dates, and got rejected many times. Senior men thrived on the revenge. Doug Ray said, "I think it is okay, especially if the right girl asks. It would also give the guy the fun of tactfully turning the girl down for once!"

Turnabout dance helped not only the "shy guy" get a date, but helped girls work up the courage to ask that special guy for a date. The guys felt relieved when turnabout time came. The pressure of finding a date and asking for a date fell upon the girls shoulders. Even the guys who weren't shy appreciated it. Girls felt the real challenge came on other dances or just a date when her favorite guy did not ask her out and she chose to ask him.

Fairmont upperclassmen voted the girls who asked guys out, top rate. The change of the twentieth century appeared, so Firebird senior women took charge.

CHUCK FLAYLER — wrestling 2. MELISSA FLETCHER — band 2; FBLA 4; general clerical 4. ROBERT FLORIO — chorus 4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; Muse Machine 2; football 2,3,4. RODNEY FOOTE — football 2,3,4.

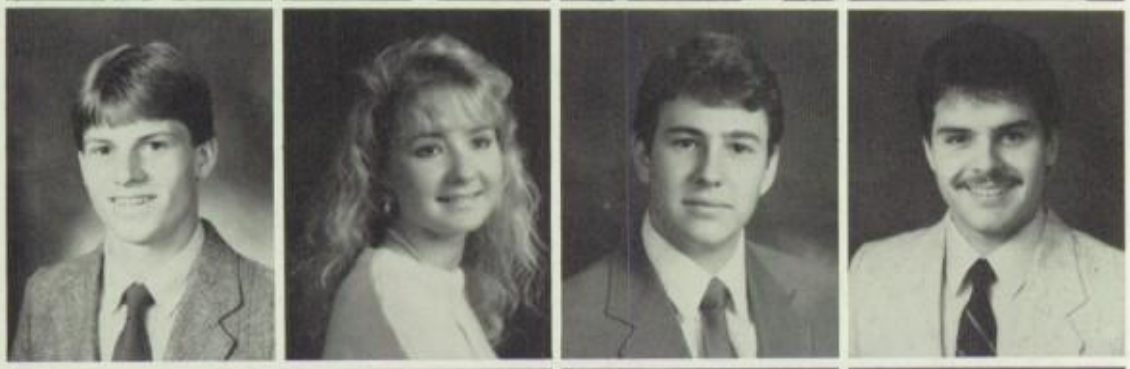
BRIAN FOREMAN — FBLA 4; WKET 2,3; football 2. DAN FOREMAN — office assistant 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3; NHS 3,4; Quill & Scroll 4; yearbook 4; scholar athlete 4; football 2,3, most improved 4. JENNIFER FORSHA — USB 3; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; student assistant 3,4. CHARLES FOSTER — law enforcement 3,4.

JIM FREDRICK — student. SHELLY FROWEIN — student. TONYA GAMBREL — office assistant 2; COE 4; FBLA 4; honor roll 2,4; Spanish club 2; track 2. GREG GARBERSON — Varsity F 2,3,4; Spanish club 3; football 2,3,4.

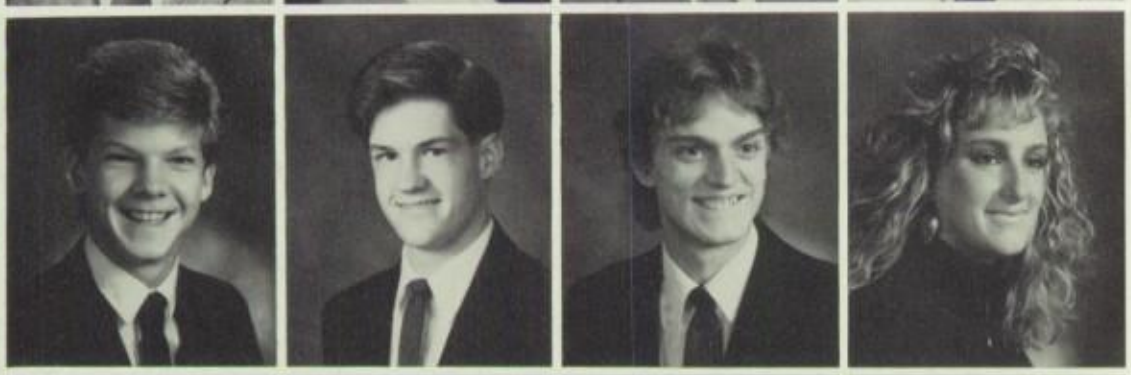
ROSEMARIE GELM-musical 2; fall play 3; chorus 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; AFS 2,3; Muse Machine 2,3; soccer sidekick 2,3. DANIEL GEORGE-stage crew 4. ANGELA GIALLOMBARDO-DCT 4. CINDY GIBBS-fall play 3; winter play 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3; AFS 2; NHS 4; NFL 2,3,4; WKET 4.

WENDY GILLAM-office assistant 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 4; Science club 4; softball 2,3,4; tennis 2,3,4. KAREN GLASGOW-FBLA 4; Spanish club 2; Muse Machine 2,3; student trainer 2. PAMALA GOBLE-German club 3; teacher assistant 4. TIM GOODEN-honor roll 3; basketball 2,3.

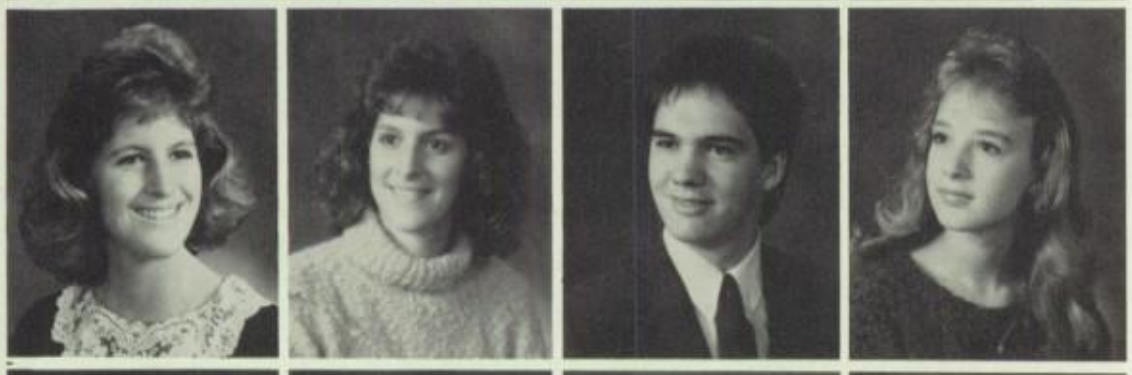
MATTHEW GORMAN-Varsity F 4; French club 2; German club 4; Outdoors club 2; tennis 2,3,4. MICKI GREEN-orchestra 2,3; office assistant 3,4; WKET 3. IKLIL GREGG-French club 2; Photography club 4; AFS 2; Ski club 3,4; Muse Machine 4; **Aerie** staff 4; field hockey 2. CYNTHIA GRESSNER-French club 2; hockey honey 2,3; Muse Machine 3.



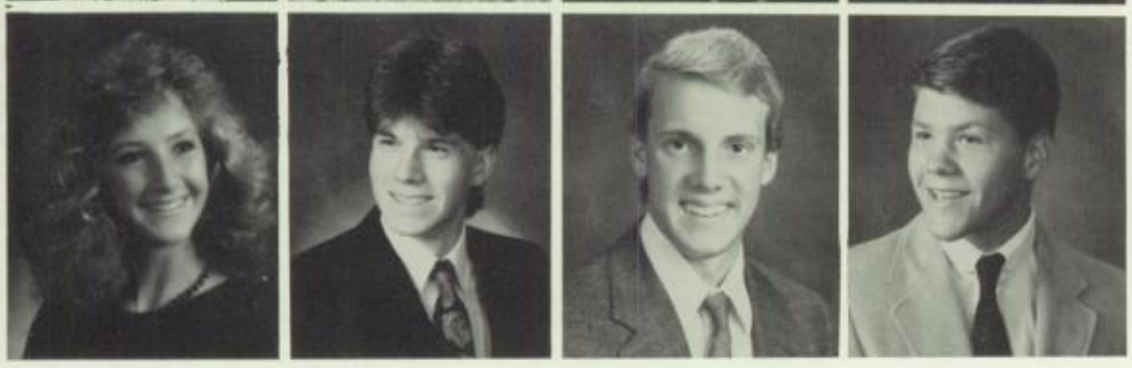
CHRIS GRIFFIN-chorus 4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 3,4; Spanish club 3; baseball 2,3,4; basketball 3; soccer 2,3,4. LEE ANN GROBLESKI-Varsity F 4; honor roll 4; hockey honey 4. BOB GROVE-Spanish club 2,3,4; Chess club 2,3; WKET 4. ROBERT GRUBB-student.



TIMOTHY HACK-band 2,3,4; WKET 4. JEFF HALEY-student. MIKE HALL-student. LORI HALLEY-student.



KELLY HAMBYstudent secretary 3,4; USB 3,4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 3, president 4; scholar athlete 3, tennis 4; volleyball 2,3. TRACEY HAMBY-student assistant 3,4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 4; Spanish club 2,3, vice-president 4; tennis 2,3, most-improved 4. MARK HAMMER-German club 2; Outdoors club 2; Real Life 4. JULIE HAPNER-lab assistant 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3; yearbook 4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2,3.



KIM HARI-musical 2,3,4; drill team 4; orchestra 2,3,4; chorus 4. JOHN HARM-lab assistant 4; FBLA 3,4; JCL 3,4; WKET 3,4; Chess club 3, secretary-treasurer 4; Science club 3, president 4. ERIC HAROLDSON-office assistant 4; Varsity F 4; JCL 2,3; Outdoors club 2,3; tennis 3,4. ROBERT HARRIS-student secretary 3; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; yearbook 4; scholar athlete 3,4; football 2,3,4.

MELISSA HARROD-Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3; Quill & Scroll 3,4; newspaper 3,4; volleyball 2,3, most improved 4. SEAN HAUSER-chorus 2,3; WKET 2,3,4. ELLEN HAVENER-office assistant 3; COE 4; FBLA 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Firebird key 3. HOLLY HAYDEN-honor roll 2; Ski club 2,3,4; WKET 2,3,; tennis 2,3; swimming 3.

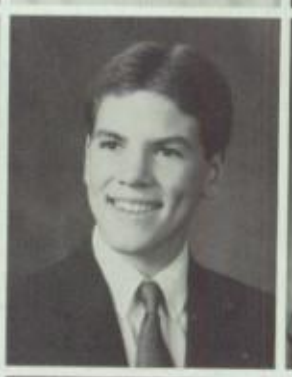
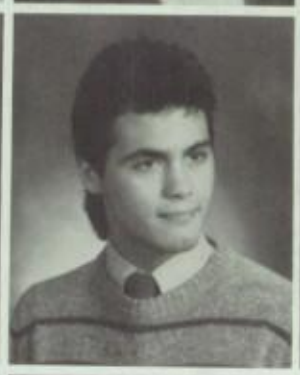
STACEY HAYES-student secretary 3,4; Varsity F 2,3; honor roll 2,3; Outdoors club 2,3; Muse Machine 2,3; cheerleader 2,3, co-captain 4; track 2,3, captain 4. RICK HECKER-musical 4; band 2,3,4; orchestra 2,4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2,3,4; Latin NHS 2; Math club 4; NHS 3,4; Illusion 3,4; USB 3. JENNY HELMIG-musical 2,3; drill team 4; chorus 2,3,4; student secretary 3,4; USB 2; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2; Latin NHS 2; NHS 4; Illusion 3, secretary 4. RANDY HENDRICKS-student.

ANGIE HESLER-library assistant 2; FBLA 4; general clerical 3,4. PAUL HICKEY-DCT 4; football 2. HOLLY HIGGINS-student. BELINDA HILDEBRAND-office assistant 4; Varsity F 2,4; honor roll 2,3,4; field hockey 2,3,4; track 2.

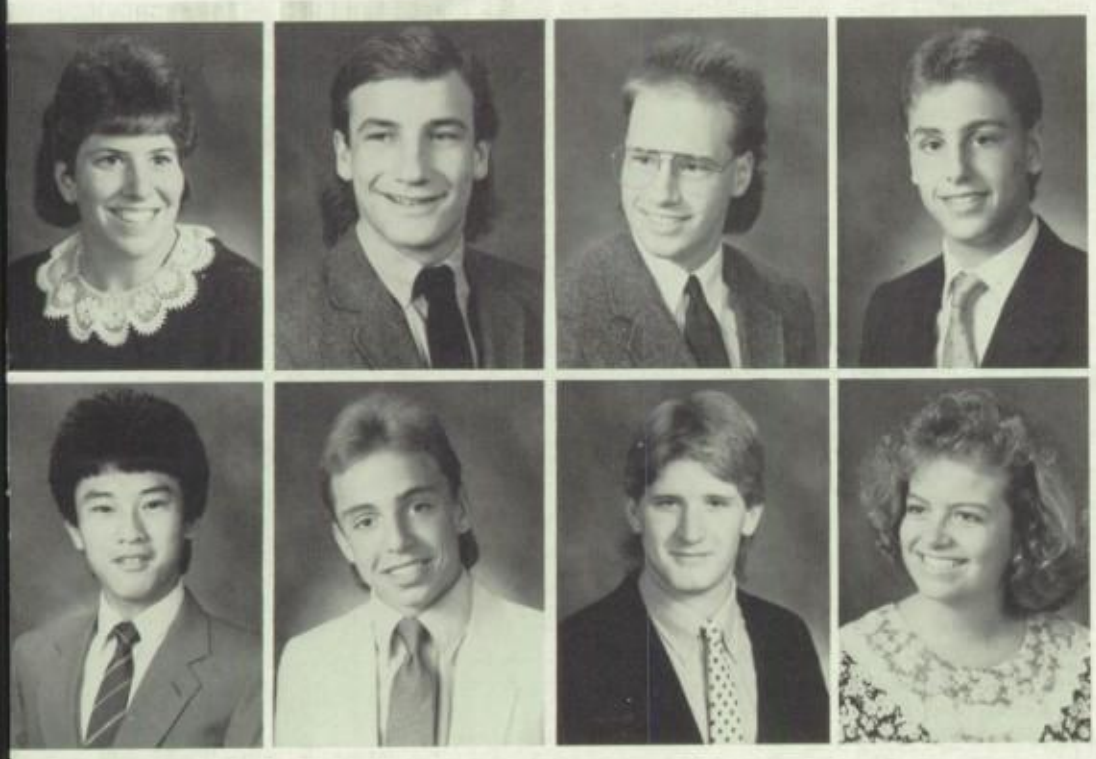
JEFF HILDERBRAND-student. ALISA HILL-stage crew 4; Spanish club 3. J. D. HILL-Gather High School, Tampa, Florida 2; FBLA 4; DECA 3,4; ME 3,4. SHANNON HILL-winter play 3; band 2,3,4; orchestra 4; honor roll 2,3,4.

AARON HILLAN-student. KIMBERLY HINELY-office assistant 3; DCT 4. TONYA HITES-student. SCOTT HOBBS-baseball 2; golf 2.

AMY HODSON-musical 3,4; band 2,3,4; orchestra 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 4; French NHS 3,4; NHS 4; Muse Machine 3,4. ROBERT HOERSTING-bookstore worker 4; FBLA 3,4. DENNIS HOLDERMAN-Muse Machine 4; track 2. HOLLY HOPKINS-lab assistant 3,4; USB 3; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; Science club 3, NHS 4; WKET 3; tennis 3,4.

LARRY HOPKINS-student. BOB HOUSEHOLDER-honor roll 2,3,4; newspaper 4; tennis 3; Quill & Scroll 4. MICHELLE HOWE-hockey honey 2,3,4; Outdoors club 4; field hockey 2,3,4. NANCY HUBER-Alter high school 2,3.



KATHY HUELSMAN — student assistant 3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,4; soccer 2,3, most valuable 4; basketball 2,3,4; softball 2,3,4. ERIC HUNLEY — student. CHRIS HUNTER — honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 3,4. ROB HUTSELL — office assistant 4; Spanish club 2,3,4.

TAI VAN HUYNH — student. BRIAN HYLAND — musical 2,4; chorus 2,3,4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; Outdoors club 4; Muse Machine 2,3; show choir 2,3,4. JASON ISENBARGER — Varsity F 4; football 2,4. JILL JACKSON — musical 4; chorus 3,4; office assistant 3,4; German club 2; Muse Machine 4; show choir 3,4.

Graduation gifts loom in wishful thinking

Top: OVERSEAS! Senior Deanna McMullen has her eyes set on a trip to Europe. She traveled there during spring break as her graduation gift. *Barlow Photo*

VARIETY! DeClark's gift shop shows everything possible for the perfect little graduation gift. Stores kept busy all hours with buyers. *Murdock Photo*

Many seniors wished for dreamy graduation gifts. Some wished big and some wished small. No matter how big they wished for it all.

It started in January, when the year turned 88. Visions of gifts whirled in seniors' heads. Cars, motorcycles, money, and trips. Each wanted their special gift to remember for life.

Excited graduates gave their ideas with pleasure. Angie Woods said, "I told my parents that I wanted a new car. A similiar type, but nicer than the one I have." Kristen Armstrong stated, "I picked out a new stereo that I could take to college, something I knew I'd use a lot."

Other senior graduates presented their point of view. Senior dreamer Bob Kastler wanted it all. "I asked for a motorcycle or a jeep. I'd get good use out of both." Mike Kelly replied, "Money, I would rather buy my gift for myself, so I am sure to get what I want."

Every senior seemed to think big when asked the famous question, "What do you want for a graduation gift?"

What about the outcome? Everyone found out during the month of graduation. Some seniors called each other to talk about their gifts. Some seniors drove to friends' houses to show their new gifts. No matter what they received, everyone remained happy. They had finally graduated from Fairmont, the class of 88.

UD library, fun times for seniors' research

On Thursday night, one day before the research paper deadline, many seniors went to the University of Dayton Library for an all night cram session. Seniors that put off doing their research paper found it caused great anxiety.

One of the largest in the area, the U.D. library served many purposes for researching a good topic. Michelle Anderson stated, "When I was doing my research paper, I lived down at the U.D. library, but it was fun being with my classmates and meeting new people."

Consisting of six floors the library offered several sources of research material. One floor of the library also pertained entirely to the study of law. The library also contained a computer system that listed all the resources typed in for the particular subject in question.

An evening at the U.D. library caused confusement among many seniors. Karen Glasgow stated, "It was so big, with six floors that I couldn't find much, so I had to get a librarian to help me."

With so many different kinds of resources people had to know how to use the library. Erik Seiser said, "I used to think the library sucked, now I am sure of it, it's to big."

Steve Ruetschle liked to visit the library because, "The atmosphere of knowledge stimulated my sponge-like brain to soak up the context within its walls."

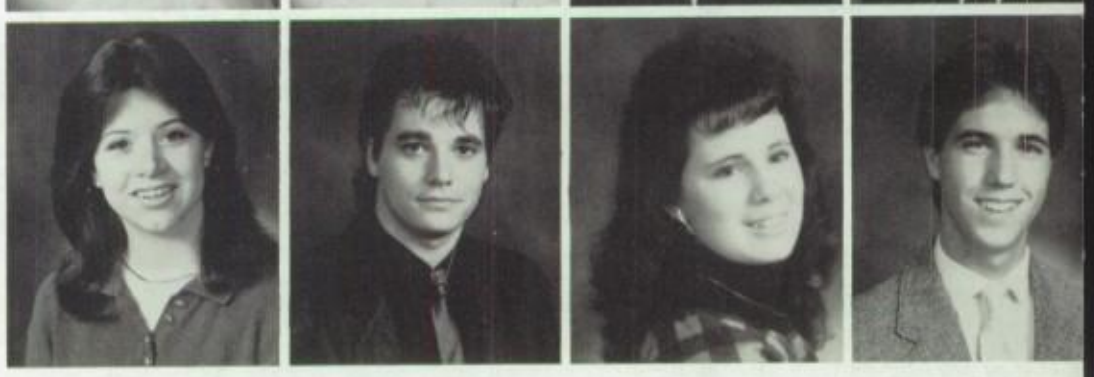
Seniors went to the U.D. library for reasons other than just research papers, they went to study, relax, or just to be social. Matt McCleary summed it all up in saying, "It was efficient, well organized, and a great place to pick up the babes."

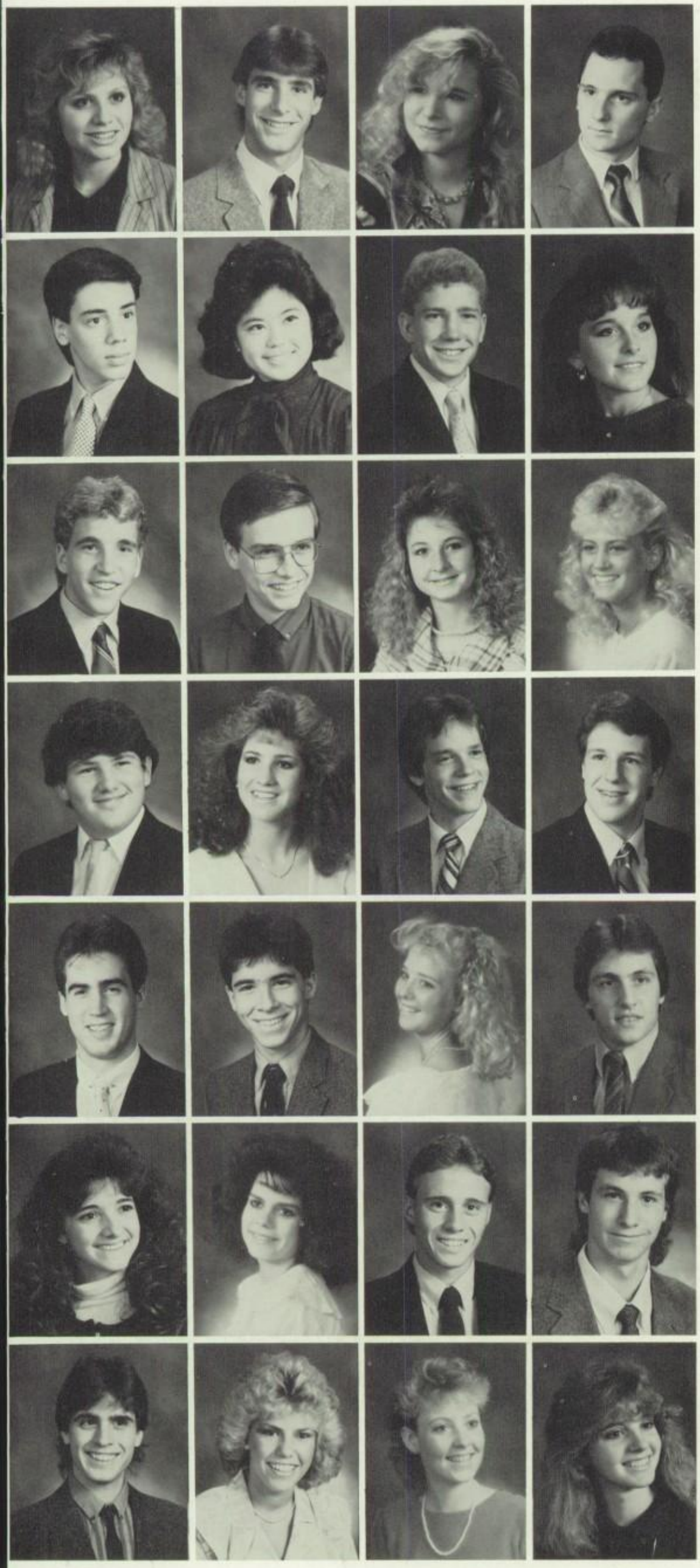
WHAT? SENIORS STUDYING? Sitting at the University of Dayton library, seniors Molly Bertrand and Susan Barker quietly study their books. *Barlow Photo*

MIKE JACKSON — band 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; German club 2; wrestling 2. TERESA JACKSON — COE 4; FBLA 3; honor roll 4; NFL 2,3; WKET 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2; softball 2; volleyball 2. MARK JAMES — student. KEITH JAMISON — lab assistant 3; JCL 3,4.

ANJANETTE JARVIS — library assistant 4; FBLA 3,4; honor roll 2,3; Spanish club 2,3; Outdoors club 3; Muse Machine 2,3. IVY JENG — student. DOUG JENKINS — WKET 4; Muse Machine 4. DAVID JEWELL — football 2.

TANYA JOHNS — chorus 2; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3; Science club 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Muse Machine 3,4. LARRY JOHNSON — WKET 4; field hockey stat 4. SUSAN JOHNSTONE — Dayton Christian 2,3; OWE 4. MARK JOINER — musical 4; band 2,3,4; orchestra 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; NHS 4; Outdoors club 3; Muse Machine 4; golf 2; tennis 3.





JO ANN JUNKER-German club 2; Muse Machine 3,4; JCL 3. BOB KALAMAN-honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2; Spanish club 3,4. KAREN KALBFLEISCH-musical 2,3,4; orchestra 2,3,4; honor roll 2; Muse Machine 2; soccer 2,3; scholar athlete 3. ROB KANYUCH-office assistant 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; Science club 2,3; Muse Machine 4; football 2,3; track 2,3,4; wrestling 2,3,4.

ROBERT KASTLER-chorus 4; FBLA 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Muse Machine 4; ice hockey 4, MVP 2,3. JANA KATSUYAMA-orchestra 2,3,4; USB 2,3, vice-president 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; French club 2, vice-president 3; French NHS 2,3; AFS 2; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 2; Muse Machine 2,3,4; tennis 2,3,4. MICHAEL KELLY-Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3,4; NHS 4; football 3,4. ANDREA KEMMER-office assistant 3; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3,4; drill team 2,3, captain 4; NHS 4; Muse Machine 2,4.

CHAD KEMPER-chorus 3; Varsity F 2,3,4; yearbook 4; WKET 2,3,4; golf 2,3,4; scholar athlete 3,4. JAY KENNARD-honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 3,4; Latin NHS 2,3; Math club 4; NHS 3,4. LORI KENNEDY-drill team 4; FBLA 4; honor roll 4; French club 2,3; WKET 4. KATHLEEN KEOGH-drill team 4; Spanish club 2,3; hockey honey 3,4.

CHARLES KESSLER-band 2,3,4; WKET 2. ALICIA KINGREY-Homeocming queen 4; band 2,3,4; feature twirler 2,3,4; USB secretary 4; French club 2; Muse Machine 3, team captain 4. THOMAS KINNE-musical 2,3,4; fall play 3,4; chorus 2,3,4; Varsity F 3,4; NFL 2,3,4. MARK KLAAREN-office assistant 4; Spanish club 2,3,4; Ski club 2,3,4; WKET 2.

JOHN KLEINFELDT-musical 3; chorus 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; Outdoors club club 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3; Ski club 2,3,4; WKET 2, promotions director 3, program director 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4. MATT KLINE-USB 2; honor roll 2; Spanish club 2, 3, 4; Outdoors club 2, 3; wrestling 2. KELLI KLING-drill team 4; student secretary 3; honor roll 2, 3, 4; French club 2, 3, 4; Spanish club 2, 3; Ski club 2, 3, 4; WKET 2, 3, promotion direction 4; Muse Machine 2, 3. 4. DAVE KLOSTERMAN-Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3; cross country 2, MVP 3, captain 4; track 2,3,4; scholar athlete 3.

LORI KNOOP-lab assistant 3; office assistant 4; Varsity F 4; cheerleader 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; NHS 4; NFL 2; Outdoors club 4; Muse Machine 3,4. JAMIE KONSTANTINOU-chorus 3,4; office assistant 3; honor roll 3,4; NHS 4. BRET KRAMER-Varsity F 3,4; Ski club 2; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 2, president 3,4; German club 2,3, vice-president 4; tennis 2,3,4; soccer 2,3,4. TONY KRAMER-student.

JIM KREMER-student. STEPHANIE KRZNARICH-musical 2,3; chorus 2,3,4; office assistant 3; Varsity F 2,3; French club 2,3; Science club 3; hockey honey 4; Muse Machine 2,3; basketball 2; student trainer 2,3,4. JILL KUNKA-office assistant 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 3,4; Muse Machine 3,4. JENNIFER LAKATOS-honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 3,4; Latin NHS 3; WKET 3; Muse Machine 3,4.

LISA LAM-office assistant 2; honor roll 4; hockey honey 4; DHO 3,4. DAVID LAMBERGER-honor roll 2,4; German club 2,4; Science club 2,4; AFS 2,3,4; Ski 2,4; WKET 4. GREGG LANTIS-musical 2,3,4; orchestra 2,3,4; lab assistant 4; German club 2,3; Science club 2,3; JCOWA recorder 3, president and secretary general 4; FPS club 2, president 3,4; Quill & Scroll 4; NFL 2,3,4; newspaper 4; WKET 2; Illusion 2,3; Safe Rides 3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4. KRISTA LAPRISE-Homecoming court 4; USB 2; honor roll 3; Spanish club 2,3; Outdoors club 2; Muse Machine 2,3,4; soccer 2.

TIFFANIE LATSKO-Varsity F 2; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3; Outdoors club 2,3; Muse Machine 2,3; scholar athlete 3; tennis 3; gymnastics 2,3. TINA LAWSON-musical 2,3,4; orchestra 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3; French NHS 2,3,4; NHS 4; Math club 3,4; Safe Rides 4; student assistant 3,4; **Aerie** staff 3,4; Key Award 2. DAWNETTE LAYCOX-Varsity F 2,3,4; field hockey 2,3,4. VAN LAYCOX-student.

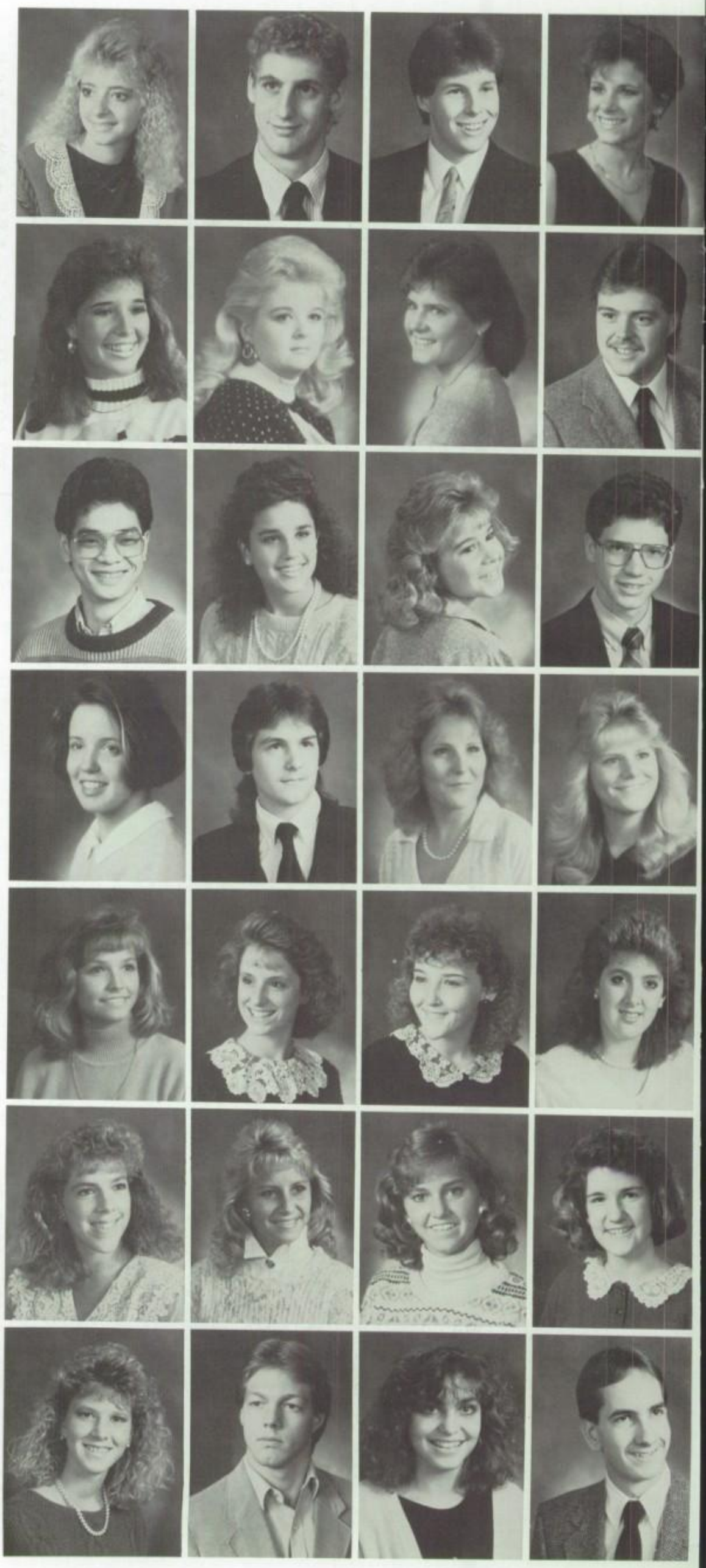
LUAN LE-student. CATHERINE LEDFORD-office assistant 4; honor roll 3,4; German club 2,3; Muse Machine 4. RENE LEE-FBLA 4; Varsity F 3; German club 2; general clerical 3,4; soccer 2,3. BRIAN LEHKMUHL-student.

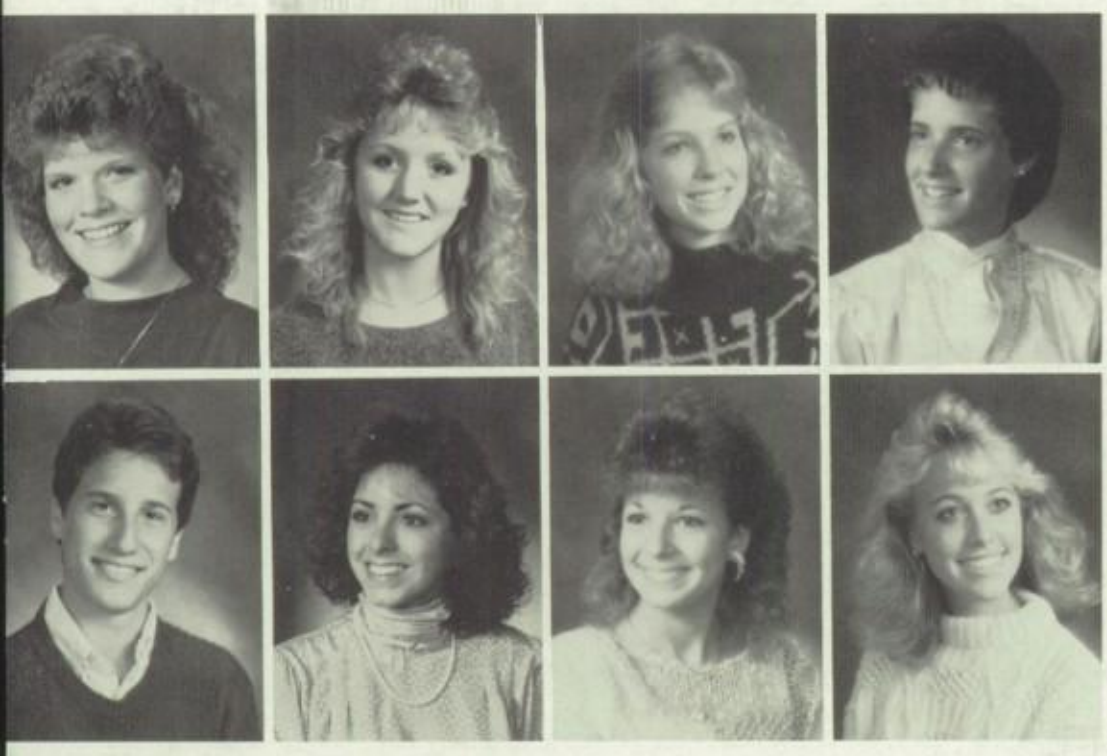
CHRISTIANE LEHNER-Rotary Exchange from Austria 4. BRIAN LEIBROCK-student. LISA LEITER-student. JANE LEMMINGS-lab assistant 4; FBLA 3,4; honor roll 2; general clerical 3,4.

TRACY LENTHE-chorus 4; office assistant 4; French club 2; Ski club 2,3; yearbook 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4; tennis 2. SHELLY LEO-office assistant 3,4; USB commissioner of elections 4; German club 2,3, secretary 4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; basketball stat 2. LORI LILES-COE 4; FBLA 3,4; honor roll 4; French club 2. TAMATHA LIMBERT-chorus 4; Ski club 3; Muse Machine 4.

MELISSA LINCOLN-band 2,3; student assistant 4; Varsity F 3,4; German club 2,3,4; Outdoors club 4; softball 2,3,4. SHELLY LINDEMAN-drill team 4; chorus 4; office assistant 3; Varsity F 3,4; cheerleader 2,3. TINA LINDQUIST-musical 2,3; chorus 2,3,4; office assistant 3; Varsity F 4; cheerleader 2; honor roll 3; yearbook 4; Muse Machine 2,3; show choir 2,3, vice-president 4; field hockey 2,3,4. MELISSA LITTLE-musical 3,4; band 2,3,4; orchestra 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2; Math club 4; AFS 4; NHS 4; Outdoors club 4; Muse Machine 3,4.

HOLLY LIVENGOOD-office assistant 3; COE 4; FBLA 4; honor roll 2,3,4; NHS 4. ANTHONY LOMBARDO-Math club 4; lab assistant 4; French club 2. MONICA LONIGRO-Richmond High School, Richmond, IN 2; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 3,4; French club 4; French NHS 3; German club 4; JCOWA 3,4; NHS 4; Muse Machine 3,4; scholar athlete 3,4; soccer 3,4. DAVID LOYD-graphics communication 3,4.

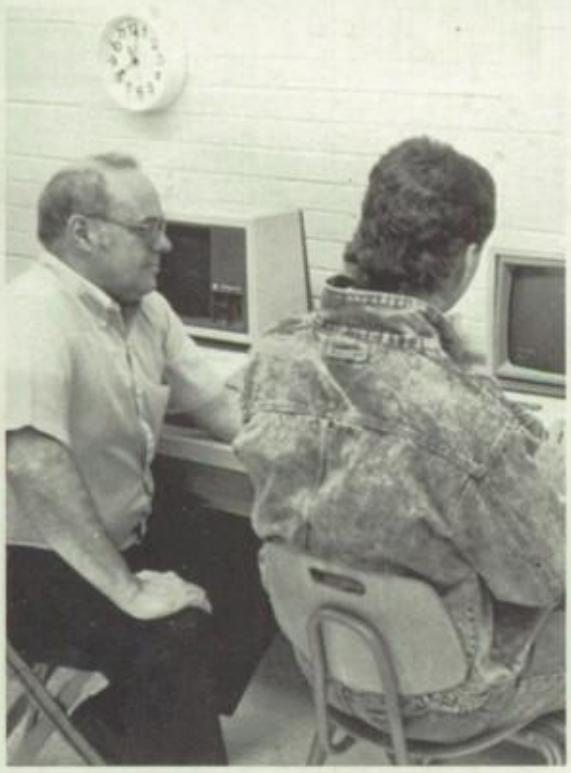




MELINDA LUNEKE — musical 2,3,4; chorus 2,3,4; honor roll 2; French club 2; show choir 3,4; USB 2,3,4. ANGEL LYKINS — teacher assistant 3; FBLA 4; DECA 3; treasurer 4; ME 3,4; honor roll 3,4. KRISTIN LYMBURNER — band 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French NHS 2,4; NHS 3,4; track 2,4, most improved 3; scholar athlete 3,4. CAROLYN MACCHIA — musical 2; chorus 2,3,4; USB 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; cheerleader 2, captain 3,4; honor roll 2; French club secretary 2; Muse Machine 2; show choir 3,4; teacher assistant 3,4.

ROBERT MACCHIA — lab assistant 4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2; NHS 4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2,4; **Aerie** staff 4; soccer 2,3. LISA MACPHERSON — student secretary 3,4; USB treasurer 4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3, secretary 4; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Muse Machine 3,4; soccer 2,3; swimming 3, tri-captain 4. JILL MARCHESKI — FBLA 4; honor roll 3,4; WKET 2,3,4; basketball 2; softball 2. ANN MARSHALL — Homecoming court 4; drill team 4; lab assistant 3; office assistant 4; USB 3, class president 2,4; Varsity F 3,4; cheerleader 3; honor roll 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; yearbook 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4; Quill & Scroll 4.

Students enjoy high school with parents



In the everyday life of most students, they rolled themselves out of bed in hopes of arriving on time to school. Meanwhile, the parents prepared for a day at work. Departing in different directions, family members usually headed to a full day of activities.

Bret Kramer, Amy Moore, Alicia Kingrey, Jim Priser and a few others became the exception to this everyday rule. For the last three years, these students and their parents arrived at the same place, Fairmont.

At school, some students rarely communicated with their parents. "We hardly ever see each other," said Kingrey. On a different side, a few students came in contact with their mom or dad. "He came in handy when I forgot my money," Moore commented.

Students faced several disadvantages as well as advantages. Numerous students felt they had more pressure on them from the teachers. For one student, the pressure contributed in a positive way toward her studies.

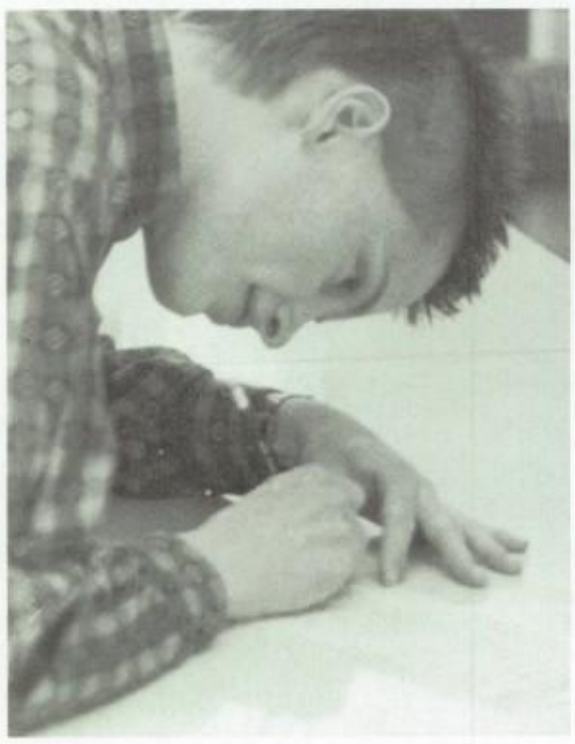
Students commented that trouble reflecting upon them came in a negative way. They continued to say that their parents heard about everything they did in and outside of school. "It seemed," said Priser "I had to watch every single move I made." Kramer added, "I felt like someone was always watching over my shoulder."

As they looked back over the three years, students agreed if they had had the opportunity to transfer to a school where their parents did not work would they, they replied no. After all, how many students got a chance to go to high school with their mom or dad?

I NEED HELP! Looking on, math teacher William Kramer assists his son, Bret Kramer, who participates in his advanced computer class daily. *Barlow Photo*

DAD, I NEED! Hearing the same old routine, east unit guidance counselor Richard Moore helps his daughter senior Amy Moore with money and transportation. *Murdock Photo*

America provides free choices for grads



SIGN ME UP! Ready to take part in Ohio's primary election, senior Jim Smith registers to vote at the Far Hills Library for May 3. *Barlow Photo*

Styrofoam hats, parades, chanting crowds, speeches, and the right to vote- most people found the presidential election as American as mom's apple pies.

Yet some Americans made the choice not to cast a vote. "It's different in Europe, especially in France. The people are very politically active," said senior Monica Lonigro. "Here it seems like we take our priviledge or duty to vote for granted."

Lonigro saw the need for the school to get involved, possibly by providing pamphlets about the issues and candidates. She made every effort to talk politics with friends, teachers, and parents.

Yet conversation at the dinner table rarely included the Iran-Contra affair or the current delegate count. A large majority of students claimed that their families did not eat dinner together. "No one influenced me except myself," said Doug Young.

So most interested students relied on their government class to discover whether they perferred the Democratic or Republican party's views. Mike Berning, president of the Miami Valley Republicans, explained the process of electing delegates to the classes. His visit had Republican backers petitioning to get George Bush to Dayton.

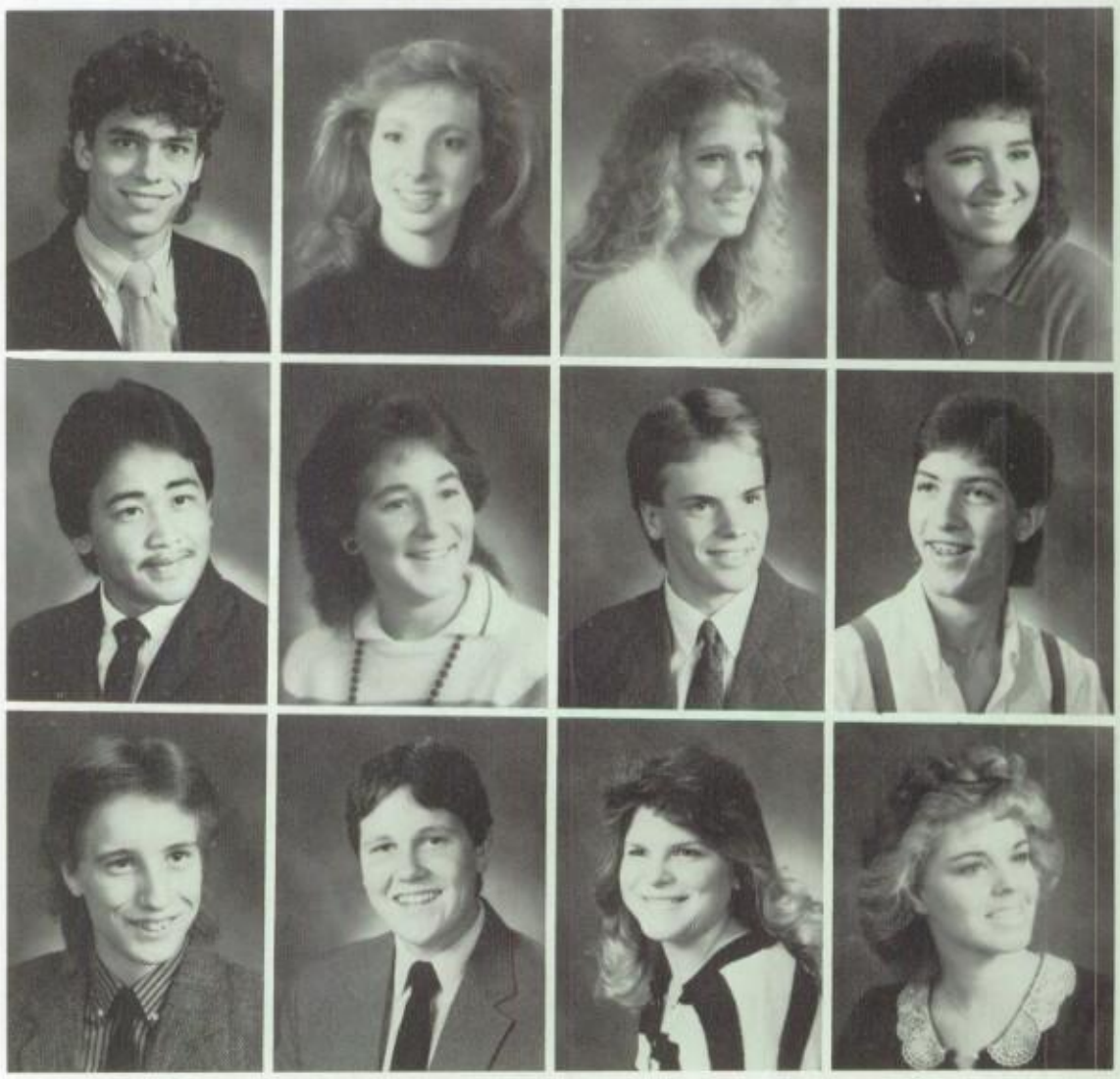
Using media as a guide, recently-registered voters checked up on each of the candidates. Speechists, Michelle Sabadash, Thomas Chapman, and Kim Edwards, argued with the know-all they picked up from watching Cable News Network and reading magazines.

Power of the press? "It can really help or kill a candidate," said Lonigro. Presidential hopefuls felt stress from negative campaigning to jokes in the Doonesbury comics. "It's their job to inform us," concluded Edwards, giving media not only the credit, but also the burden.

ANDREW MARTIN — student. HOLLY MARTIN — musical 2; winter play 2,3; chorus 2,3; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 3,4; French NHS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; NFL 3,4; Outdoors club 2; Muse Machine 2,3, team captain 4; show choir 2,3. MARIA MARTIN — honor roll 2,3,4; teacher assistant 4. AMY MARTZ — office assistant 3,4; Spanish club 3,4; AFS 3,4; WKET 3,4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Muse Machine 3.

RAY MASGA — Marianas High School, Susupe Village Saipan CM, Northern Mariana Islands 2,3; honor roll 4; AFS 4; baseball 4. DEBRA MAURO — office assistant 3,4; USB 3,4; FBLA 4; honor roll 4; basketball 2; soccer 2,3. KEVIN MCAVOY — honor roll 2,3. DANIEL MCCARTHY — band 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3.

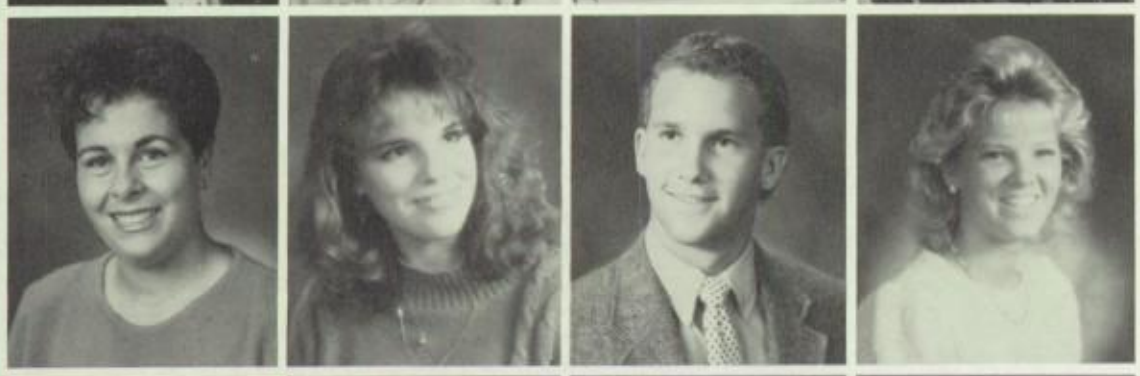
KEITH MCCARTHY — Smoky Hill High School, Aurora, CO 2,3; DCT 4. MATTHEW MCCLEARY — USB 2,4; FBLA 4; Spanish club 2; NFL 2; Outdoors club 3; student assistant 3; track 3,4. CHERIE MCCOY — graphics communication 2. LESLIE MCCOY — cheerleader 2,3,4.



CRAIG MCDANIEL-Spanish club 3; JCL 2; WKET 2,3,4. SEAN MCDOUGAL-WKET 2,3,4; student assistant 3. TRACEY MCDOWELL-Outdoors club 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4; basketball 2. BRAIN MCKINNEY-lab assistant 3,4.

MARK MCKINNIE-McDowell High School, Millcreek, PA 2,3,4. RODNEY MCLAUGHLIN-honor roll 3,4; French NHS 4; tennis 2,3,4. CHRIS MCMANUS-musical 2,3,4; chorus 2,3,4; USB 2,3, commissioner of public relations 4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2, vice-president 3; Latin NHS 3; NHS 3,4; NFL 2,3,4; Muse MAchine 2,3,4; show choir 2, vice-president 3, president 4. DANIEL MCMANUS-chess club 2; honor roll 3.

JEFF MCMANUS-band 2,3,4; orchestra 3,4; USB 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3,4; Math club 3,4; Science club 3; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 3; tennis 2,3. DEANNA MCMULLEN-band 2,3,4; lab assistant 4; Muse Machine 4; pep band 3. JESSICA MCNAMARA-lab assistant 4; FBLA 4; honor roll 3,4; Muse Machine 3,4; general clerical 3,4. MIKE MC-SPADDEN-Varsity F 2; WKET 2,3; cross country 2.



MICHELLE MEDLIN-office assistant 2,4; USB 3; Varsity F 2; Spanish club 4; Outdoors club 3; soccer 2,3; swimming 2. JENNIFER MENDENHALL-honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2. FRITZ MENKE-chorus 4; USB 2; Varsity F 3,4; Spanish club 3; Ski club 3; Outdoors club 2; soccer 2,3; swimming 2. KELLI MENKE-honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3; teacher assistant 4; soccer 2,3.

TINA MERCURI-office assistant 2,3,4; Varsity F 3,4; basketball 2; volleyball 2,3, most valuable. MIKE MER-RICK-musical 4; fall play 3; lab assistant 3,4; honor roll 2; Quill & Scroll 4; newspaper advertising mgr 3,4; WKET 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3; Muse Machine 3,4; show choir 4. CLARISSA MICHAEL-FBLA 4; Varsity F 2; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2; Muse Machine 4; swim-ming 2. DAVID MICHEL-musical 3,4; orchestra 2,3,4; honor roll 3; Chess club 2, secretary treasurer 3, pres-ident 4; VArsity F 3,4.

DAVID MILBY-drafting club 4. JULIA MILES-honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3; Quill & Scroll 3,4; newspaper 3, assistant editor 4; Muse Machine 3,4. DEBBY MILLER-drill team 2, squad leader 3; FBLA 4; Spanish club 2; Outdoors club 2; Muse Machine 4. MARC MILLER-WKET 2,3,4.

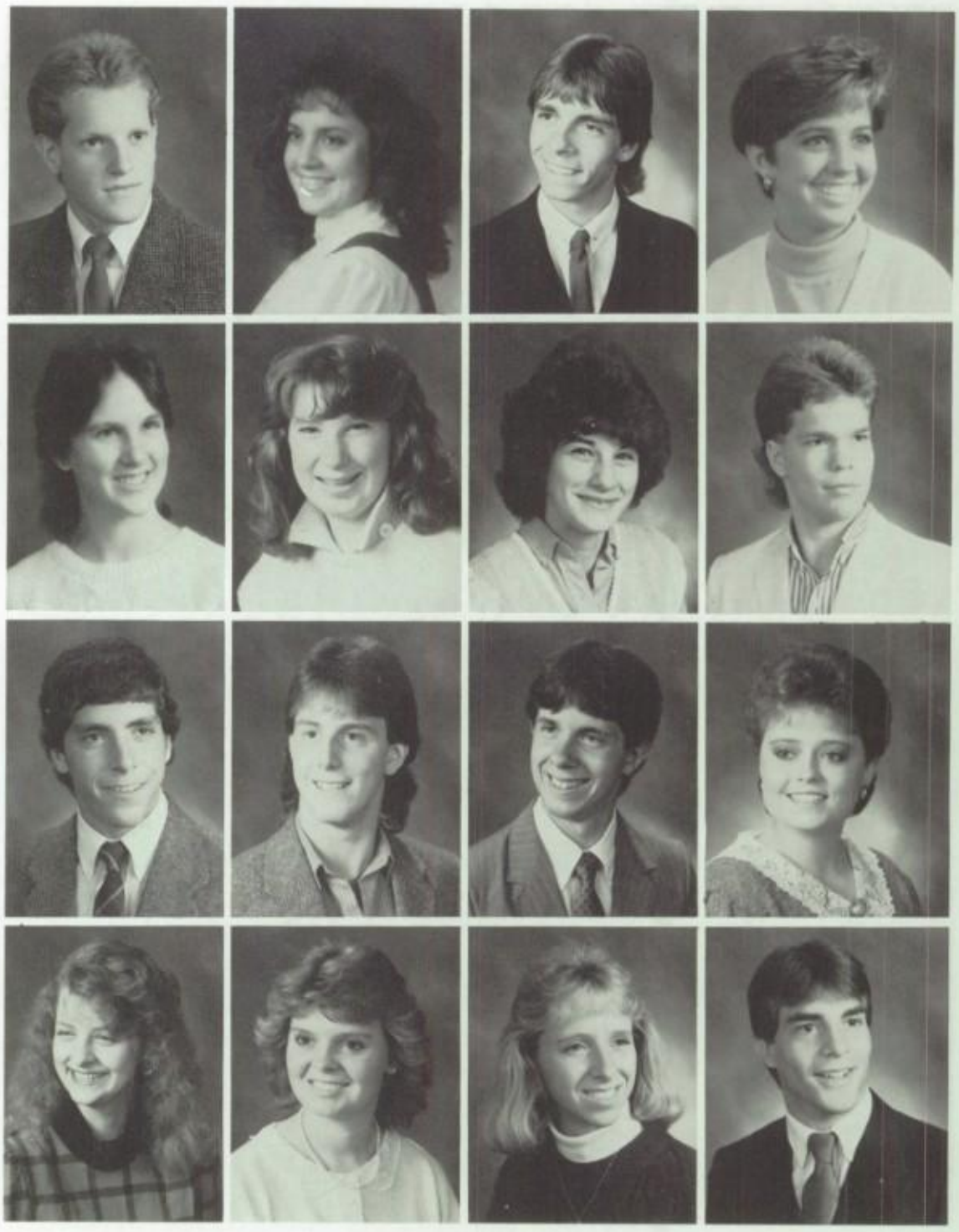
MARTHA MILLER-Ski club 2,3,4; WKET 4; Muse Ma-chine 4. STEPHANIE MITCHELL-office assistant 4; FBLA 4; Muse Machine 4; general clerical 3,4. CHAD MIT-TELSTADT-band 2,3,4; DECA 4; ME 4; Science club 3. MARIA MONASTERIO-chorus 3; teacher assistant 4; office assistant 4; Varsity F 3; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; NHS 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4.

TONY MONTURO — FBLA 4; Spanish club 2; Photography club 4; Outdoors club 4. AMY MOORE — drill team 2,3,4; lab assistant 4; FBLA 4; French club 2; JCL 3,4; USB 3; newspaper 3,4; teacher assistant 4; WKET 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4. DOUG MOORE — student. KATHY MORAN — student.

KATHLEEN MORGAN — honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2,3,4; Latin NHS 2,3; NHS 4; Key Award 3; swimming 4. KRISTEN MORGAN — band 2,3, squad leader 4; Spanish club 2,3,4; Math club 4; Ski club 2; newspaper 3,4; WKET 2; Outdoors club 2,4; Muse Machine 3,4; pep band 2,3. JILL MORROW — Marion High School, Marion, IN 2,3; chorus 4; honor roll 4. TODD MORROW — fall play 3; winter play 4; NFL 4; WKET 3,4.

GREG MOTT — auto mechanics 3,4; basketball 2. SCOTT MULLINS — student. JAY MURDOCK — lab assistant 4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2,3, vice-president 4; Latin NHS 2,3; Science club 2,3,4; Photography club 2,3, president 4; NHS 3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4; yearbook 3,4; WKET 4; Key Award 2,3. ANN MURPHY — musical 2; chorus 2,3,4; office assistant 2; USB 2,3,4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 2; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 3; NHS 4; Muse Machine.

ANGELA NAGEL — Outdoors club 2,4; chorus 2,3,4; musical 2. CATHY NAPIER — honor roll 3; French club 2,3. KATHLEEN NAYLOR — drill team 2,3,4; teacher assistant 4; office assistant 4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4. STEVE NEARGARDER — lab assistant 3; FBLA 3; Varsity F 3; honor roll 2; Ski club 3; USB 4; basketball 2,3; track 2,3.



Traditions effect lifestyles of '88 class

Dodging behind buildings and dumpsters, sprinting towards the primary objective, a faceless student and a friend blazed a path to an awaiting car. With adrenaline racing, the students carefully selected a point of escape, and with precise timing, rocketed from the parking lot and raced to lunch.

Although the people in this scene escaped detention, many Fairmont students did not. Extensively practiced by seniors, the great lunch escape became a tradition. "I have had numerous detentions just for a decent out-of-school meal," Jim Skeries mentioned after participating in this senior practice.

'Lunch escape' took a back seat when word of senior skip day came. "I always seemed to miss the skip day and when I showed up at school, my classes seemed strangely empty," claimed Kelli Kling. Proven year after year, skip day almost never eluded a senior's schedule.

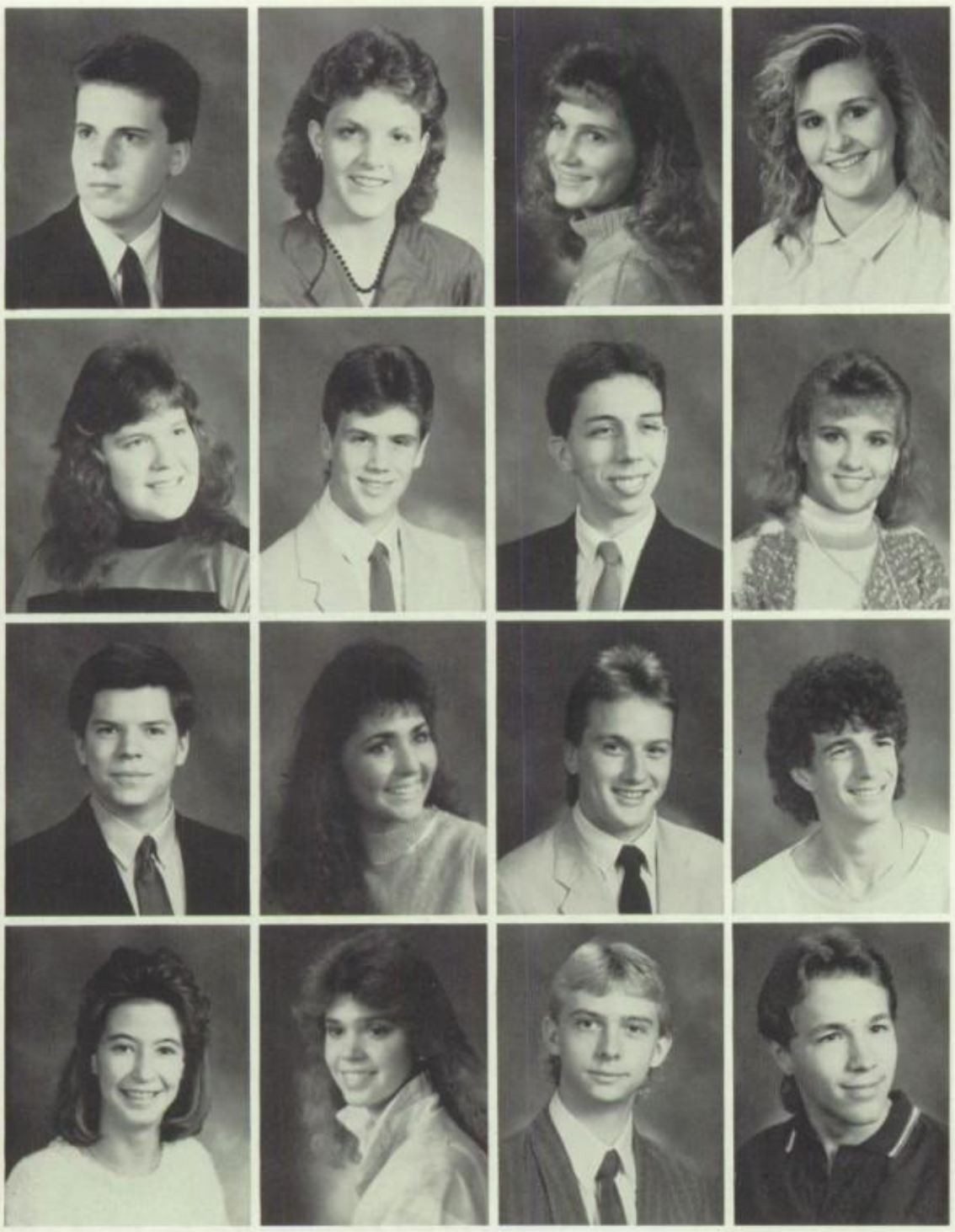
College campus visits, grad parties, picking on sophomores, and camping on the quadrangle all remained tradition, proudly claimed by seniors.

To outline the attitudes seniors shared, Ben Tobe said, "Yes, I'll miss the senior traditions but I'm willing to go on to newer ones."

Most seniors agreed that the traditions would remain the same for years to come. "Maybe the future seniors will come up with a new one," claimed Dave Brown, "like taking over the school for a few days."

Seniors held tight to memories of priceless times shared with friends while participating in a custom.

Every senior looked forward to the biggest tradition from the first day of high school: tossing caps in unison at the finish of commencement.



CHRIS NEARY-Varsity F 4; honor roll 2; German club 2,3,4; football 3,4. HEATHER NEWMAN-FBLA 4; Varsity F 3,4; WKET 4; basketball 2,3; softball 2, most improved 3; volleyball 2,3, co-captain 4. LAURA NEWMAN-Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 4; soccer 2,3,4. TERI NEYHOUSE-Lincoln School, San Jose, Costa Rica 2,3.

JENNIFER NIDAY-student. SEAN NIX-chorus 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2; USB 2; baseball 2,3,4; basketball 2; soccer 2,3,4. GREG NUCKOLS-band 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2; Latin club 2; NHS 3,4; show choir 4; Muse Machine 3,4. VICTORIA OBRIEN-honor roll 2; German club 3; Ski club 2,3,4.

CARL OKESON-lab assistant 4; FBLA 3; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3; Science club 2; JCOWA 3,4; WKET 2,3. TINA ONEAL-student. TIM ONEILL-student. EARL ORYAN-office assistant 4; WKET 2; auto mechanics 3,4.

PAMELA OSBORN-COE 4; FBLA 3,4; DECA 4; AFS 2. APRIL OSTENDORF-office assistant 2,3; COE 4; FBLA 4. SEAN OWENS-musical 4; chorus 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; show choir 4; cross country 2,3,4; track 3,4, most improved 2. DAVID OWENS-computer programming 3,4.

MADE IT! Living up to the traditions of Fairmont High, Kevin Steele and Steve Schaeffer share lunch at McDonalds after a daring escape from school. *Barlow Photo*

CHAOS! Fairmont fans pour onto the field after defeating Xenia in a down to the wire victory. Every year, fans joined in this tradition. *Murdock Photo*

Pre-grads take extra courses for future use

Numerous future seniors slept and relaxed while others prepared for long hard days at college. Students got a headstart by getting involved with the University of Dayton Summer Advancement Program.

This program allowed selected high school juniors with an ambition for college and a B grade-point average to enroll in college level courses.

UD's summer advancement program ran from June 18 to July 30. The college courses offered at UD varied from biology to theatre to psychology. Students did not have to pay tuition fees but had to assume textbook cost and many laboratory or material fees.

In the future, students can use the credit at The University of Dayton with tuition waivered or transfer it to another college and pay the tuition.

"It's an excellent opportunity to find out what college is like," advised George Shellenbarger, central unit guidance counselor. A few students from Fairmont participated in the program.

Shellenbarger commented that not enough students took advantage of the program. He felt the lack of participation stemmed not from disinterest but from an inability on the part of the students to commit themselves to the courses because they held a summer job or planned vacations.

Tom Trang and Debra Wagner grabbed at the chance for early credits. Trang received a credit in history and Wagner received one in biology. Trang and Wagner enjoyed their Summer Advancement Program. "It took a lot of work but it was worth it in the long run," stated Wagner. In the end they both agreed they learned what to expect from college and what college expected from them.

WHAT A DAY! Working diligently, on a paper Tom Trang, prepares for future college days. Trang earned an early credit for college at UD.
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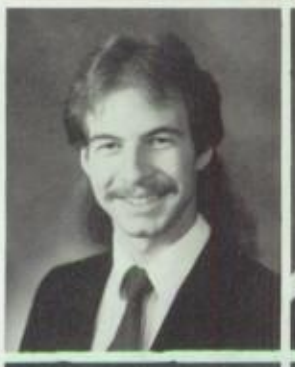
ROGER OWSLEY — student. JENNIFER PALCHER — newspaper 4; **Aerie** staff 3, poetry editor 4; honor roll 2,3,4; Muse Machine 3, team captain 4; AFS 2,3,4; JCL 3,4; Science club 2; JCOWA 4; WKET 2; Outdoors club 2; Quill & Scroll 4; NHS 3,4. TONI PANSTINGEL — honor roll 4; hockey honey 2,3; FMC 2; DHO 3,4. ROBERT PARK — student.

JEFFREY PARKHURST — AFS 4; Muse Machine 4; German club 2,3,4; tennis 2,3,4. PHIL PARLETTE-K — DCT 4. JULIE PATTERSON — musical 2; chorus 2,3; OWE 4; hockey honey 4. TIFFANY PAXTON — honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3; teacher assistant 3,4; Outdoors club 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4.



MIKE PEITZ — Spanish club 4. TRICIA PENICK — wrestling stat 2; FBLA 4; office assistant 4. CHARLES PETZOLD — chorus 4; office assistant 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; basketball 2,3,4; golf 2,3,4. PHUONG PHAM — chorus 3,4; USB 2,3; FBLA 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3,4; French NHS 2,3,4; Science club 4; AFS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Muse Machine 2,3,4; tennis 3,4.

MELISSA PHARRIS-chorus 2; library assistant 2; DHO 3,4. DEANNA PHILLIPS-Centerville High School 2; Beavercreek High School 3; FBLA 4; DECA 4. STEVE PIETRANONIO-student. ANGELA PITZER-office assistant 2; DCT 4.

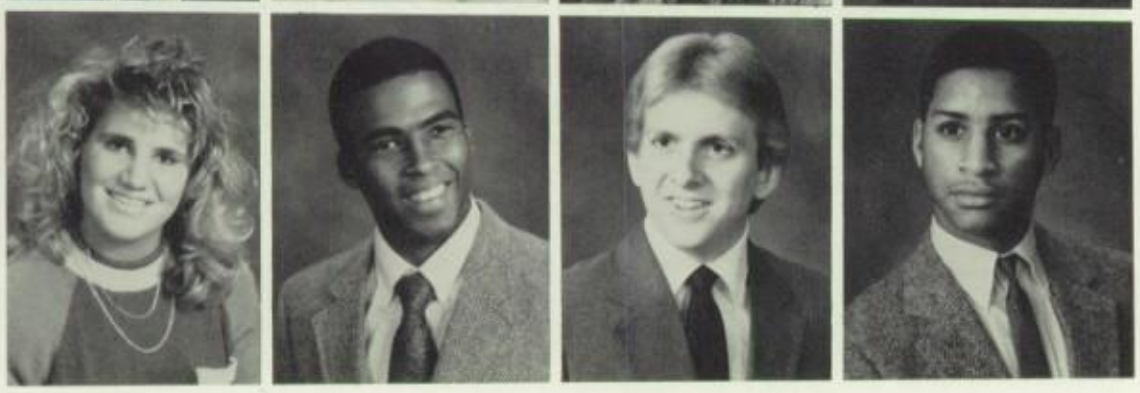
MICHELE POKORSKI-student assistant 2,3; FBLA 3,4; Spanish club 2,3; Muse Machine 4. ROB POLVINO-USB 4; Homecoming court 4; Varsity F 3,4; Spanish club 3,4; NHS 3,4; baseball 2,3,4; basketball 2,3,4; golf 2,3,4. LISA PORTER-student. JIM PRISER-Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3, president 4; Key Award 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 2,3, event director 4; tennis 2,3,4; soccer 2,3,4; scholar athlete 4.

JOCELYN PRONKO-student secretary 4; office assistant 2; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2; JCL 4. JENNIFER QUARIN-FBLA secretary 4; drill team 2, squad leader 3; class council 3, secretary 4; Key Award 3; office assistant 2; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; NHS 4; Outdoors club 2; Muse Machine 4. MIKE QUINN-chorus 4; Varsity F 3,4; football 2,3,4. LORI RABY-Ski club 3,4; WKET 3; Muse Machine 4; tennis 2,3.

MARY RAMMEL-student. DON RAPP-Varsity F 2,3; Photography club 2; AFS 2; Ski club 2; basketball 2; cross country 2,3; track 2,3. CHRIS RAU-musical 4; chorus 4; show choir 4; office assistant 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; football 2,3, tri-captain 4. PATRICK RAU-chorus 3,4; office assistant 4; USB commissioner of projects 4; Varsity F 4; French club 2; soccer 2,3, most improved 4.

BRIAN RAUSCHER-Varsity F 2,3,4; baseball 2,3,4. CHANDIRAKANTHAN RAVINDRAN-band 2,3,4; Spanish club 2,3; WKET 4; Muse Machine 3; tennis 2,3. DOUG RAY-fall play 4; office assistant 4; USB 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 4; Spanish club 3,4; AFS 3; WKET 3; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Muse Machine 3,4; diving 2,4, most improved 3. JOHN REAMAN-student.

THOMAS REED-WKET 4. STEVE REIGELSPERGER-honor roll 4. KELLY REILY-musical 2,3,4; orchestra 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Latin NHS 2; Muse Machine 4; scholar athlete 3,4; soccer 2,3,4. JOAN REUSCH-student.



MELANIE RICHARDS-band 2; FBLA 4; Varsity F 4; volleyball 2,3,4. CRAIG RICHEY-Homecoming court 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; Spanish club 3; baseball 2,3,4; basketball 2,4, most improved 3. JON ROBERTS-graphics communication 3,4. CRAIG ROBINSON-Alter High School 2,3; track 4.

GREGORY ROBKE-chorus 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Ski club 2,3,4; WKET 3; scholar athlete 3; track 2,3; wrestling 2; soccer 2,3,4. DONNY ROEPKEN-office assistant 4; chorus 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3; Spanish club 2,3; baseball 2,3,4; basketball 2,3,4; soccer 2,3, most valuable 4. BRIAN ROESSLER-honor roll 3,4; Art club 3,4; Drafting club vice-president 4; Muse Machine 4; **Aerie** staff fiction co-editor 4. ROBERT ROOKSTOOL-band 2,3,4; Varsity F 2; German club 2; WKET 4; Outdoors club 2,3.

KLINT ROSE-Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; baseball 2,3,4; basketball 2; football 3, MVP 4. JOAN ROSENKRANZ-FBLA 3,4; Varsity F 3,4; Spanish club 2,3; basketball 2,3,4; soccer 2,3. STEVE RUETSCHLE-office assistant 2,3,4; USB 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 3; Spanish club 3; Ski club 2,3,4; newspaper 2,3,4; Quill & Scroll 4; Outdoors club 2; Muse Machine 4; tennis 2,3,4; soccer 2,4. LAURA RUSSELL-musical 2,3; fall play 2,3; winter play 2,3; stage crew 2,3.

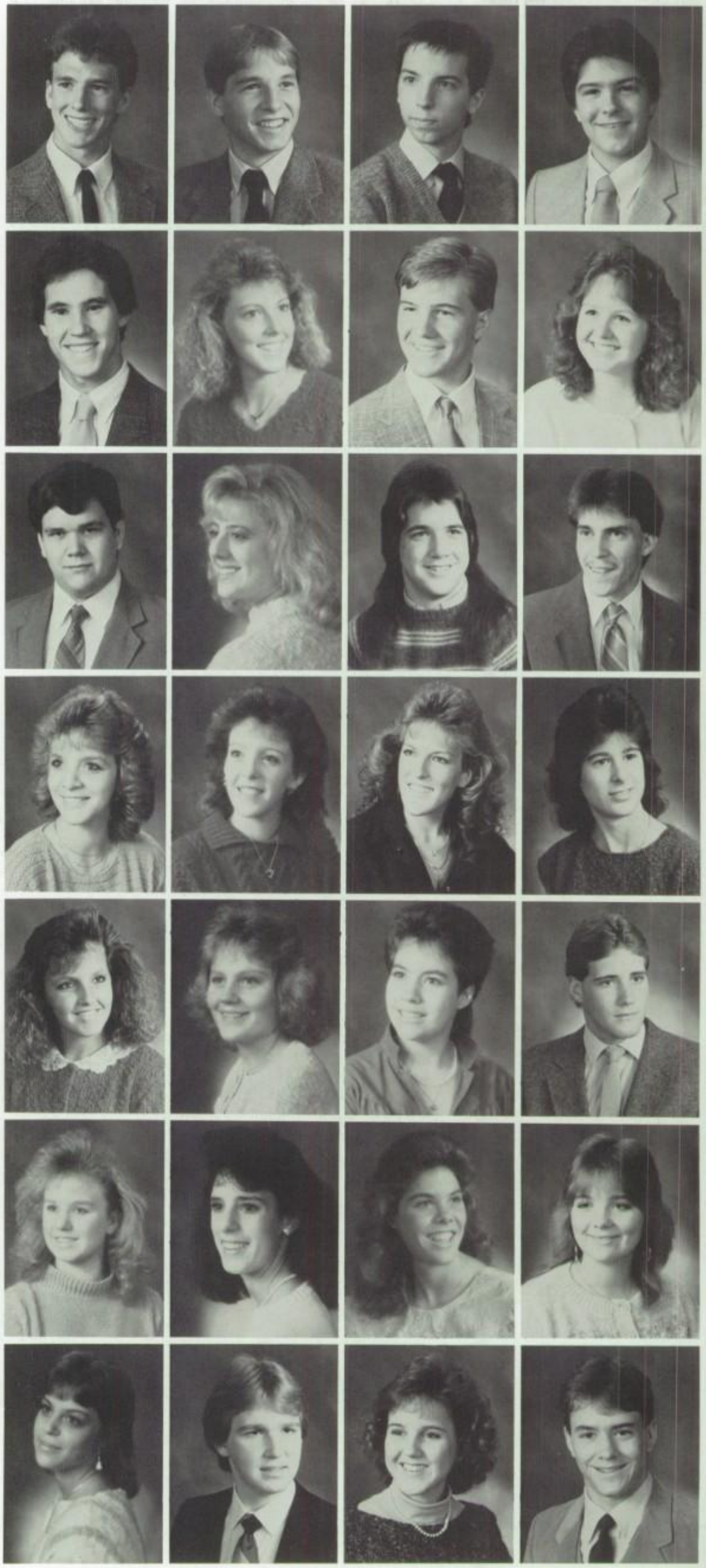
PHILLIP RUSSELL-student. MICHELL SABADASH-French club 2,3; AFS 2,3; JCOWA 3,4; Quill & Scroll 3; NFS 2, historian 3, president 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4. ANDY SALYER-auto mechanics 3,4. ROBERT SANDERS-student.

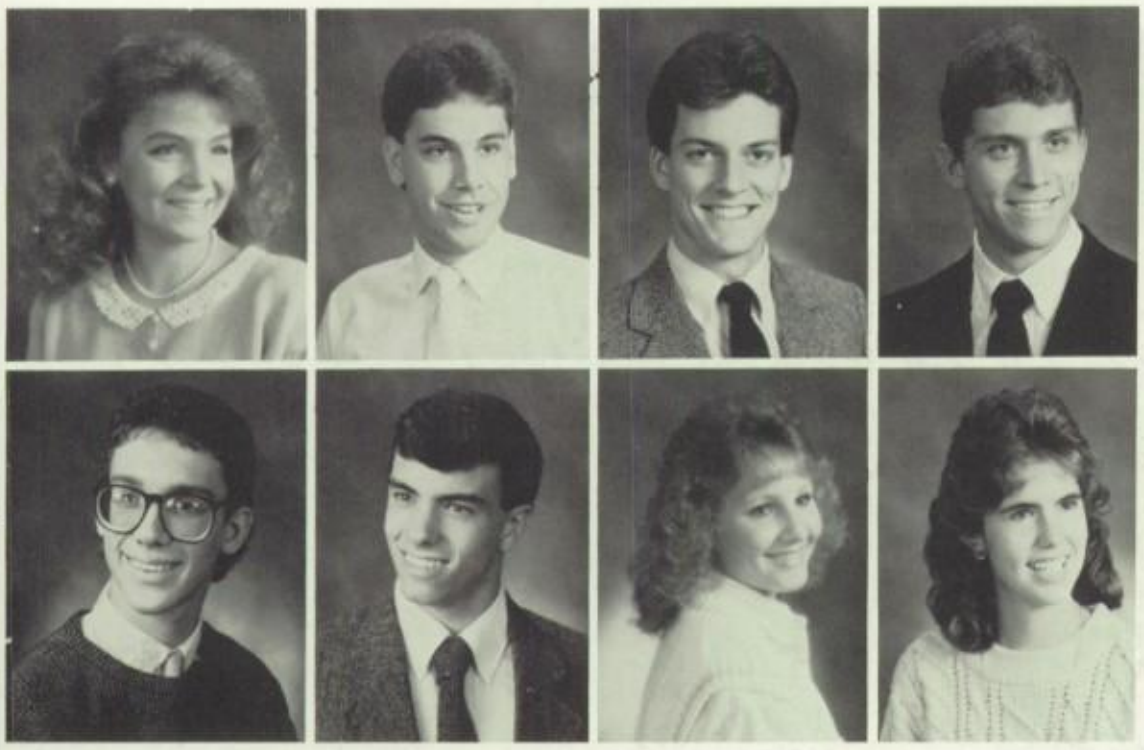
MARLAINE SANTANA-student. PAULETTE SAUNDERS-library assistant 3; COE 4; FBLA 4; Safe Rides 3,4. LISA SCHEIDT-DCT 4; Varsity F 4; tennis 2,3,4. CINDI SCHELLING-FBLA 3; DECA 4.

LISA SCHEPER-musical 3,4; drill team 3, lieutenant 4; office assistant 3; Varsity F 3,4; cheerleader 2; French club 2,3; WKET 3,4; swimming 2. MELISSA SCHERER-musical 2,3; orchestra 2,3,4; lab assistant 4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 2; honor roll 2,3,4; wrestling stat 3,4; swimming 2. HOLLY SCHNEIDER-musical 2,3; orchestra 2,3,4; DECA 4; Varsity F 2; JCL 3,4; WKET 2; Safe Rides 3, secretary 4; soccer stat 3; softball 2,3. STEVE SCHOEPHOERSTER-chorus 4; lab assistant 3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Ski club 2,3,4; football 2,3,4.

STEPHANIE SCHREMPP-band 2; office assistant 3,4; honor roll 2,4; JCL 2; Ski club 2; Muse Machine 2,3,4; soccer 2,3. PAMELA SCHRIBER-student assistant 3,4; Varsity F 3; JCL 2,3,4; Science club 4; AFS 2,3; JCOWA 3,4; NFL 3,4; WKET 3, director 4; Outdoors club 2,3; Muse Machine 2,3; tennis 3. WENDY SCHUBERT-chorus 4; lab assistant 2,3; office assistant 4; USB 3,4; Varsity F 4; cheerleader 2,4; AFS 3; Outdoors club 3; Muse Machine 2,3; soccer sidekick 3. CYNTHIA SCHUMACHER-bookstore worker 3; FBLA 4.

LAUREN SCHUSTER-Conestoga High School, Berwyn, PA 2,3. STEVEN SCHWARTZHOFF-USB 2; Muse Machine 4; **Aerie** staff 4. DENISE SEARS-DHO 3,4. GREG SECREST-office assistant 3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; baseball 2,3,4; football 2,3,4.





HEATHER SEIFERT — musical 2,3,4; drill team 2,3, squad leader 4; chorus 4; student assistant 3,4; USB 3,4; FBLA 4; cheerleader 3; WKET 2,3,4; Muse Machine 3,4. ERIK SEISER — football 2,3. STEPHEN SHANNON — Homecoming court 4; USB 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; French club 2; yearbook 4; WKET 4; Muse Machine 3,4; football 2,3,4; track 2,3, tri-captain 4. WILLIAM SHAW — student.

DAVID SHERE — Dayton Christian School 2. RICHIE SHERICK — Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; German club 3,4; JCL 2,3; Latin NHS 2; Math club 3, president 4; Outdoors club 3,4; tennis 2,3,4. NANCY SHUMAKER — student. JENNIFER SHUTTS — honor roll 3,4; French club 3,4; JCL 2,3,4; AFS 2,3; WKET 2,3,4; Outdoors club 3,4; Muse Machine 3,4; Key Award 3.

Snow day brings needed sleep, fun to many

LET IT SNOW! In much hope for no school the next day, senior Todd Morrow catches the falling snow on his tongue. Many hoped for another snow day. *Murdock Photo*

BRRR! As the brisk winter wind whips across the Fairmont campus, many students hope for a long awaited snow day to happen in January. *Murdock Photo*

As the snow quietly covered a thin layer of ice outside, the seniors of Fairmont slept in their warm beds. Then suddenly, they got rudely jolted out of their beds, by that dreadful noise, the alarm clock. Slowly, one by one, they dragged out of bed, to get ready for another day at school.

All at once, their eyes shot open with amazement as they saw the ground had been covered with snow and ice. Suddenly, they made a mad dash for the radio. Every student across Kettering tuned in to their favorite radio station for the magic moment, "Kettering schools are closed!"

Many seniors spent their day off by goofing around or sleeping late, but some took advantage of the extra time to get some work done.

While some people worked on their studies, other people spent the day having a lot of fun. Darrin Moeller enjoyed his day at the snow-covered Suicide Hill. Martha Miller spent the day setting up a twenty gallon fish tank.

Although hazardous driving conditions existed some seniors ventured out on the ice. After finishing up some homework, Bob Grove drove around looking at some prospective cars to buy.

After four winters with not a single snow day, the students finally received a well deserved break from their workload at school.

Upperclassmen find spare time very valuable

All seniors enjoyed their spare time but many seemed to wish they had more time for themselves. Several students always had enough time for anything, while others complained that they just never had any spare time.

Many eager seniors involved themselves in sports and extra-curricular activities, which proved that they had little time for themselves. Those extremely active seniors, however, tried to find time when they could. Lisa MacPherson said, "When I had time I loved to swim and jog."

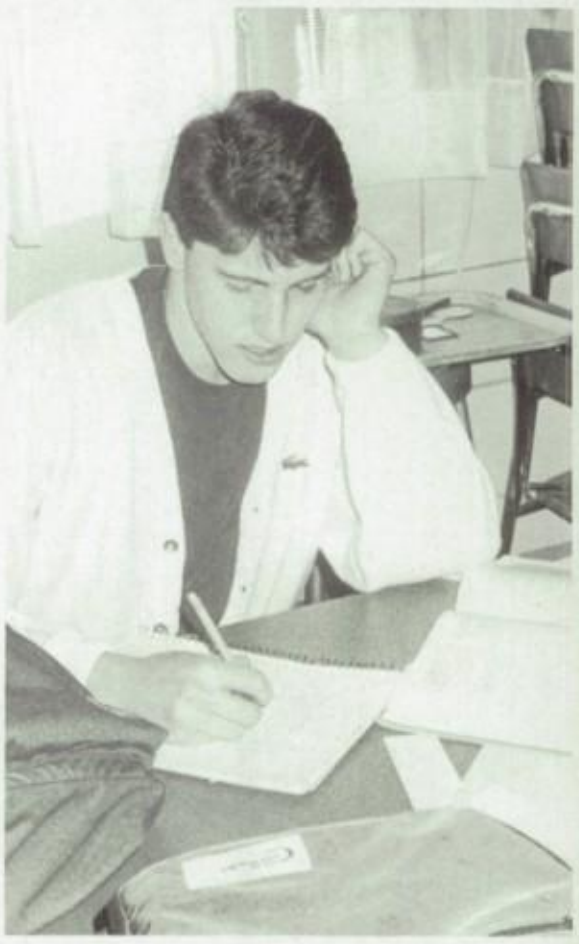
Many seniors found out that they had to make spare time or they would go crazy with the long hours of school and homework. Several found out that the weather influenced their activities. Robert Macchia said, "When the weather became nice I liked to play basketball and baseball."

While several seniors got totally involved with their school work, many had their mind strictly on the weekend. "I always waited for Wednesday to come around because that was when the big party plans would come about," replied Michelle Medlin.

Several seniors enjoyed spending time with their boyfriends or girlfriends. "I spent all my time with my boyfriend going to movies and out to dinner," commented Tammy Beddies.

Other seniors spent their spare time working. Shelly Werner stated, "I tried to work as much as possible to earn extra money for college."

Realizing that as college drew near, most seniors knew that the good times they had spent with their friends became extremely memorable.



STUDY, STUDY, STUDY! Most students have a hard time finding spare time outside of school. Doug Ray spent his time mostly on homework.
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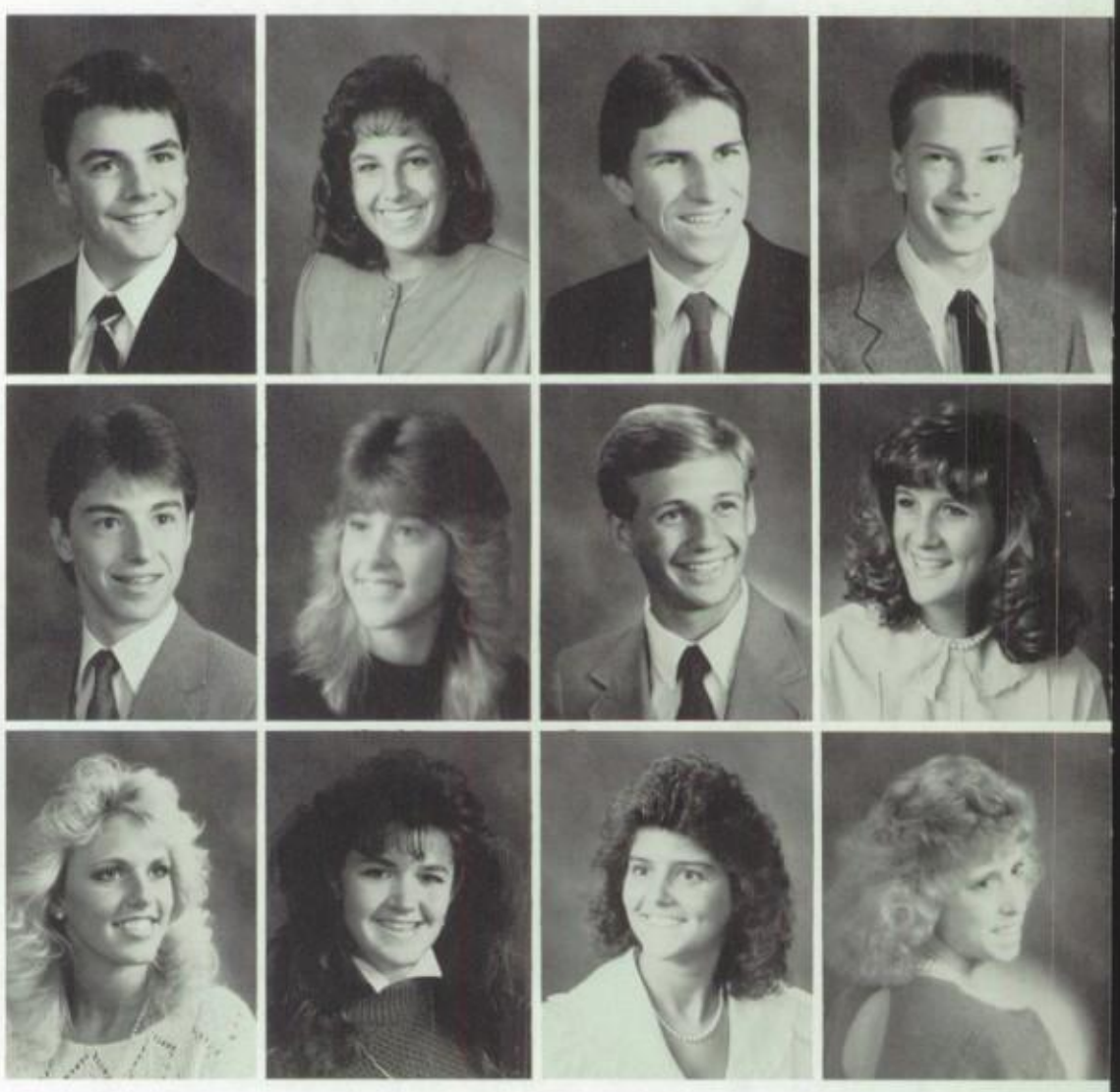
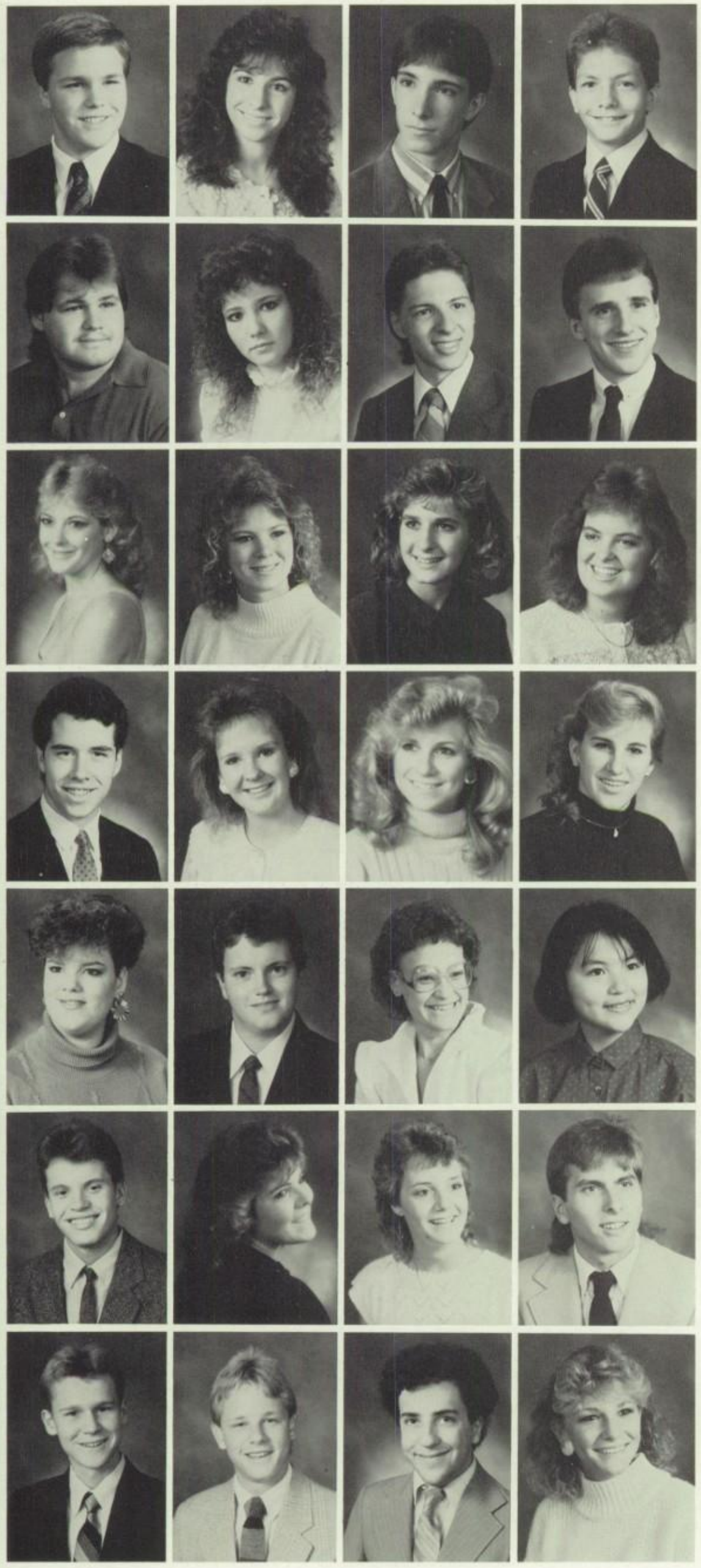
JIM SKERIES — Spanish club 3,4; WKET 4. DEBORAH SLAKTER — musical 2; drill team 3, lietenant 4; chorus 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,4; French NHS 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; yearbook sports editor 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4; show choir 2,3,4; tennis 2; Quill & Scroll 4. ALAN SMITH — cross country 4; track 2,3,4. JAMES N SMITH — Spanish club 3; Science club 3; Photography club 4; WKET 2,3; Outdoors club 4.

JAMES R SMITH — fall play 3; USB 3; Varsity F 2,3; honor roll 2,3,4; Science club 2,3; NHS 3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4; newspaper 3,4; WKET 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3; Muse Machine 4; **Aerie** staff 4; track 2,3,4. VICKI SMITH — basketball 4; track 4. SKIP SNOW — musical 4; chorus 4; Varsity F 3,4; basketball 2; golf 2,3,4. NICOLE SONYE — Varsity F 3,4; field hockey 2,3,4.

KELLY SPANG — drill team 3,4; band 2,3,4; office assistant 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; French NHS 2,3,4; NHS 4; WKET 2; swimming 2. MELISSA SPARKS — chorus 4; hockey honey 2,3. TERESA SPILLER — office assistant 4; hockey honey 3,4; Outdoors club 2,4; basketball 2. VERONICA SPRADLIN — student.





BRIAN STACY-chorus 4; lab assistant 3; honor roll 2; Outdoors club 2,4. DIONNE STANCHINA-chorus 4; USB 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3,4; French NHS 2,3; Math club 4; Science club 4; AFS 2,3; NHS 3,4; Muse Machine 2,3, team member 4; tennis 2,3,4. TODD STANDARD-bookstore worker 4; honor roll 3; baseball 2,3; basketball 2. JIM STANLEY-lab assistant 3,4; Varisty F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3; wrestling 2,3,4.

RANDY STANSELL-auto mechanics 3,4. TAMI STAUP-student secretary 3,4; COE 3,4; Muse Machine 4. KEVIN STEELE-stage crew 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3. MIKE STEIN-Alter High School 2,3; DECA 4; ME 4.

DAYNETTE STEINBERGER-DCT 4; general clerical 3. LESLIE STEINER-office assistant 4; honor roll 2,3,4. LAARA STEINLAGE-student assistant 3,4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; NFL 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2; Muse Machine 2; AFS 2, president 3,4. ANGELISA STEPHENS-drill team 3,4; chorus 4; office assistant 3,4; FBLA 3.

BRIAN STEVENS-musical 4; band 2,3,4; orchestra 3,4; JCOWA 3,4; NFL 2,3,4; WKET 2; Spanish club 2,3; tennis 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4. MELANIE STEWART-drill team 2,3,4; office assistant 4. BRIDGETT STONEROCK-office assistant 4; honor roll 2,3,4; JCL 2,3,4; Latin club 3,4; NFL 2,3,4; hockey honey 2; WKET 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2,3,4. SUSAN STOPPELMAN-Xenia high school 2; FBLA 4; honor roll 3,4; JCL 3,4.

MICHELE STRINGER-Colonel White High School 2,3; WKET 4; Muse Machine 4. TIM STUMP-honor roll 3,4; German club 3; tennis 4. CARLA SWARTZ-FBLA 3; honor roll 2,3; soccer sidekick 2,3; soccer stat 4. NOZOMI TAKIMOTO-office assistant 4; AFS 3,4; Muse Machine 3,4.

JEFF TATOM-chorus 4; FBLA 4; Spanish club 2,3; Outdoors club 2,4. BARB TAULBEE-JCL 2,3; WKET 3. TINA THOMAS-Varsity F 4; basketball 2,3,4. JERRY THOMPSON-student.

MICHAEL THOMPSON-office assistant 3; Math club 3; Science club 2,3,4; WKET 2. MICHAEL THUMA-FBLA 4; Varsity F 3,4; Ski club 4. DOUGLAS TIBBS-vocational SAM 3,4. GENNI TIETMEYER-student secretary 3; office assistant 3; COE 4; FBLA 4.

DOROTHY TODD-chorus 3; WKET 3,4. SCOTT TODD-band 2,3,4; WKET 2,3, director 4. ELISE TONNE-student. TOM TRANG-student.

PHUONG TRUONG-honor roll 2,3; Spanish club 3,4; AFS 4; Muse Machine 4. JOANNIE VALASSIADES-drill team 3,4; chorus 4; office assistant 3,4; honor roll 3,4; French club 2; Ski club 2; yearbook 4; Muse Machine 2,3,4. TODD VAN MARTER-office assistant 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 3. LARRY VAN SCHAGEN-Art club 2; yearbook 4; Safe Rides 3,4; track 3.

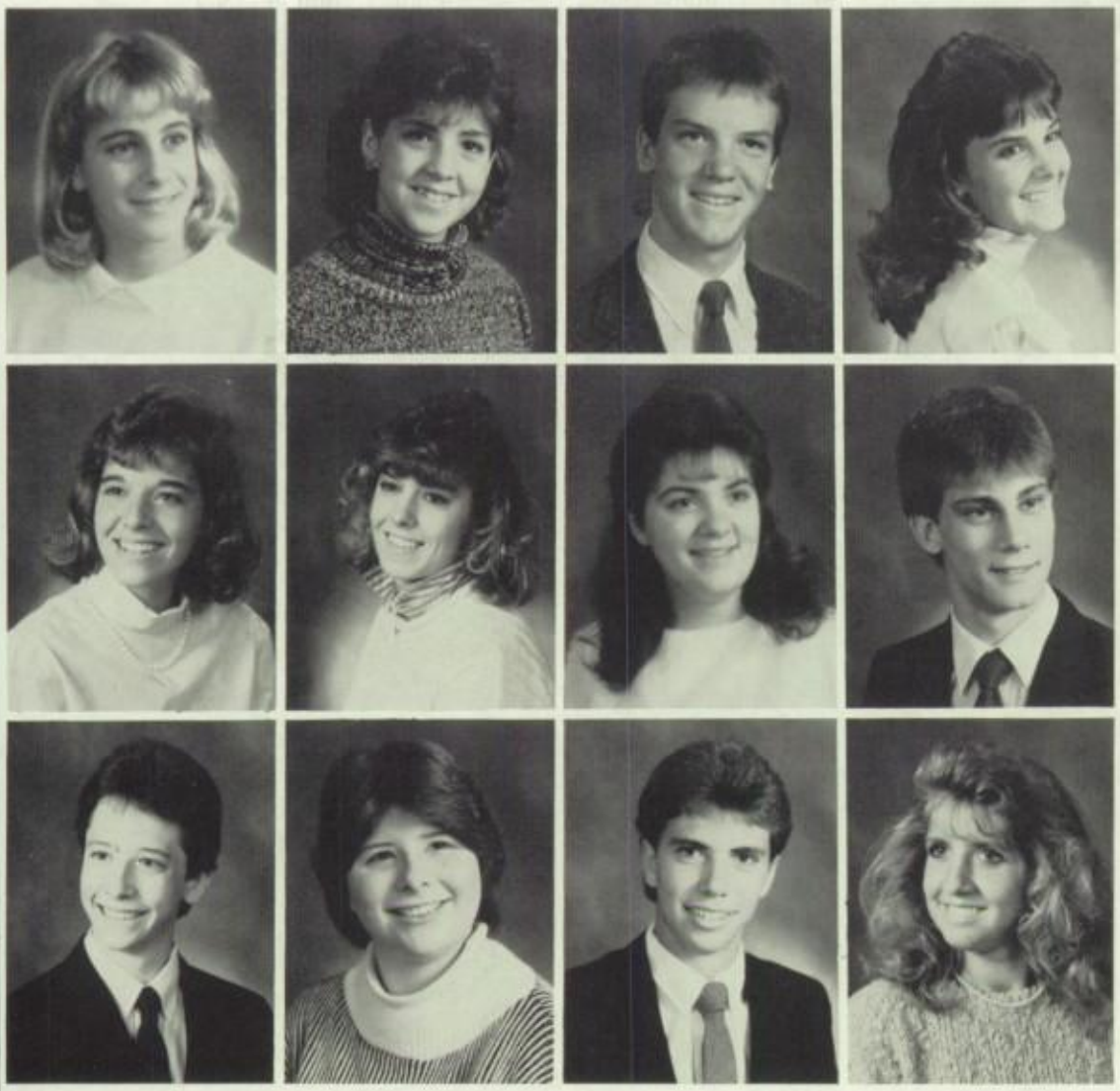
KIRSTEN VAN SICKLE-fall play 3,4; honor roll 2,4; French club 2,3; AFS 2,3, social chairperson 4; NFL 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3; Muse Machine 2,4; tennis 3; Operation Awareness 2,3. MICHELE VIVIO-band 2,3; student assistant 4. DEBORAH WAGNER-musical 4; band 2; squad leader 3, drum major 4; orchestra 3,4; honor roll 2,3; JCL 2,3; Latin NHS 2,3; Math club 3, secretary 4; NHS 3,4; Science club 3; Outdoors club 2,3; scholar athlete 2,3,4; basketball 2,3,4. TODD WAKER-band 2,3,4; honor roll 4; Photography club 3; Ski club 2,3,4.

SHANNON WALKER-fall play 3; student secretary 2,3,4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 3,4; Spanish club 2; AFS 3,4; JCOWA 3,4; NFL 2, secretary 3, vice-president 4; Muse Machine 2. EDWARD WALTERS-auto mechanics 3,4. JILL WANKE-drill team 3,4; chorus 4; office assistant 4; Varsity F 3,4; cheerleader 2; honor roll 2,3; Spanish club 2; Muse Machine 2,3,4. ROBERT WARD-honor roll 4; Spanish club 2,3; WKET 2,3,4.

PAUL WEEDA-musical 4; band squad leader 2,3,4; orchestra 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; Muse Machine 3,4; Illusion 4; **Aerie** Staff 3. JOHN WEEKS-stage crew 2; WKET 2; auto mechanics 3,4. JOE WEINEL-Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 4; basketvball 2,3,4; cross country 4; track 2,3,4. DEBRA WEISBRODT-FBLA 3.

LISA WEISMAN-fall play 3; lab assistant 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2; French club 3; NFL 2,3,4; WKET 2,3; Muse Machine 2,4; corss country 2; field hockey 3,4. JEFFREY WEISSER-lab assistant 3; Varsity F 3,4; German club 2; Science club 2; JCOWA 3,4; NFL 3,4; WKET 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2; Firebird Key 3. AMY WENDELL-musical 2; orchestra 2; Varsity F 4; honor roll 2; Spanish club 2,3; NFL 2,3,4; Muse Machine 2,4; field hockey 2,3,4. SHELLY WERNER-office assistant 3; USB 2,3, commissioner of social activities 4; cheerleader 2,3; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2,3,4; AFS 3,4; Ski club 3; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 2,3, event director 4; softball 2.

POLLY WERTZ-chorus 4; Varsity F 2,3; honor roll 2,3,4; NHS 4; scholar athlete 3; WKET 4; gymnastics 2,3. SANDY WETZ-FBLA 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4. DAVID A. WHITE-band 2,3,4; lab assistant 3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; Outdoors club 3; Muse Machine 4; WKET 2,3,4; pep band 2,3,4; jazz band 4; Operation Awareness 4; **Aerie** Staff 3. DAVID R. WHITE-DECA 3; ME 3; French club 2,3.

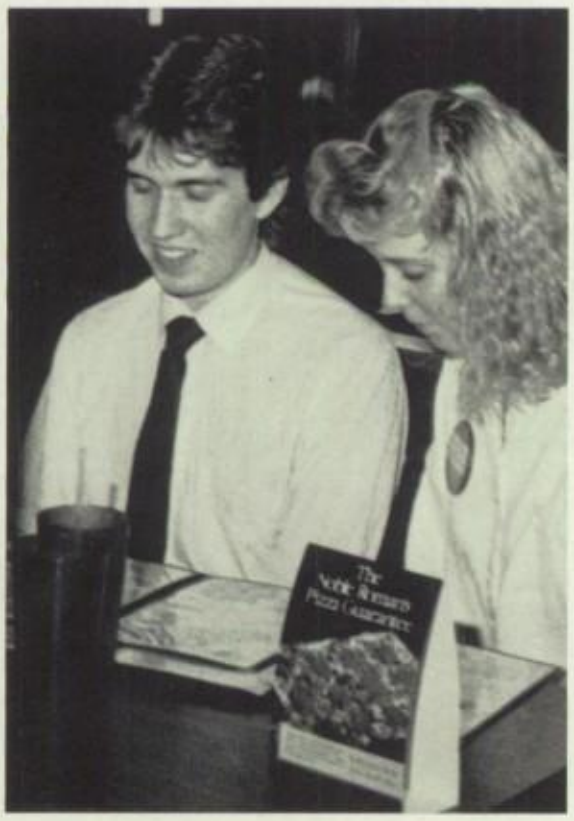


DIANE WHITE-Varsity F 3; honor roll 3; French club 2,3; scholar athlete 3; swimming 3. CANDY WIDENER — musical 2,3,4; chorus 2,3,4; Muse Machine 4. BOB WILKENS — lab assistant 3,4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; Spanish club 2; Outdoors club 2; football 2,3,4; track 3,4. TRACEY WILLET — Varsity F 3,4; cheerleader 3,4.

CHERYL WILLIAMS — band 2,3; FBLA 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 4; hockey honey 2; scholar athlete 3,4; track 2; field hockey 2,3,4. MARGARET WILLIAMS — Waynesville High School 2; Lawton High School, Lawton, MI 3; office assistant 4; Varsity F 4; honor roll 4; yearbook 4; swimming tri-captain, most valuable 4; Quill & Scroll 4. LORA WILSON — musical 2,3,4; chorus 2,3,4; honor roll 4; soccer sidekick 2,3. WALTER WINSLOW — band 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 3,4; Spanish club 4; Chess club 2; Math club 2,3,4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; scholar athlete 3,4; cross country 4; track 2,3,4; wrestling 2,3.

CHARLES WISSEL — band 2,3,4; stage crew 4; Varsity F 2,3,4; honor roll 2,3; French club 2; Photography club 3; WKET 4; Outdoors club 2,3,4; Safe Ride vice-president 3,4. CINDI WITT — FBLA 4; DECA 4; ME 4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3; Muse Machine 2,3,4; stat 2; teacher assistant 2. CHRISTOPHER WONES — soccer 2,3,4; Varsity F 2,3,4; lab assistant 4; tennis 2,3,4; scholar athlete 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 3,4; NHS 3,4; Outdoors club 3,4. ANGELA WOODS — drill team 4; band 2,3,4; FBLA 4; Varsity F 3,4; cheerleader 4; stat 3.

Seniors have varied ideas of perfect date



ROMANTIC! Seniors Kelli Kling and Ben Tobe reviews the menu at Noble Romans. They ate there several times for a romantic encounter.
Mallory Photo

Perfect dates appeared in many combinations. Yet the majority of Fairmont seniors defined the ideal date as a relaxed evening with soft music, dinner by candlelight, and a movie.

Kelly Capehart stated, "Seeing an action-packed movie followed by eating Chinese carryout next to the fireplace would be the perfect date for me."

Normal weekend dates for Fairmont students seemed to contain similiarities. They cruised to McDonalds, watched a movie, met with friends, and then turned in after another Firebird night out. This pattern rarely changed throughout the year.

Thus, when Prom arrived, talk about the ideal date stimulated excitement in many senior girls. Some seniors, as little girls, dreamed of Prom as their special day. That evening arrived and that special dream became a reality.

Visions of the perfect date did not only occupy senior girls' minds. The senior guys shared these ideas. Todd York said, "I would begin the perfect date with an adventurous day at King's Island with my girlfriend. Following a long day we would go to a nice resturant on the Ohio River."

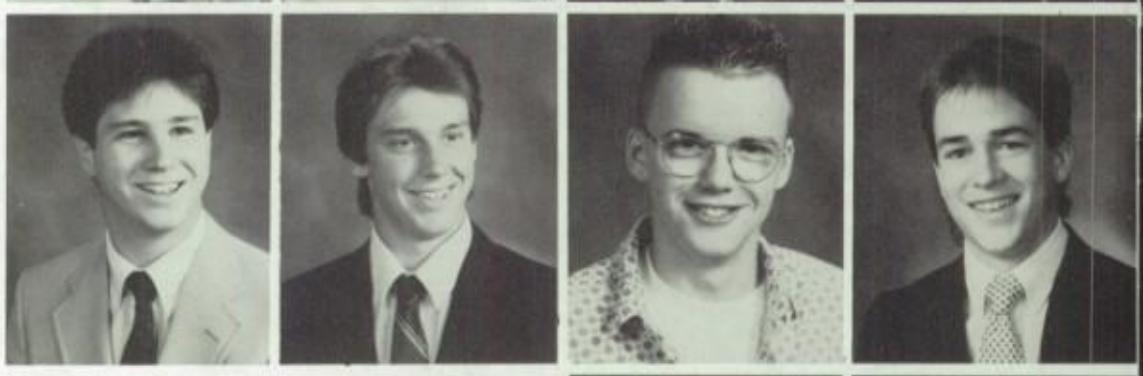
Chris Griffin commented, "I would invite a gorgeous girl to a romantic evening beside my pool. We would eat Chinese food under the moonlight after taking a long swim."

Even though they did not usually show it, the guys admitted that they enjoyed romantic evenings as much as sports filled dates.

Whether Fairmont seniors ate candlelit dinners or went to see a movie did not matter. They all agreed that time spent alone with someone special explained the perfect date.

BRIAN WORLEY-office assistnat 4; Varsity F 3,4; football 2,3,4. GERALD WRIGHT-musical 3,4; stage crew 2,3,4. DOUG WURTZBACHER-office assistant 4; honor roll 2,3,4; French club 2,3; French NHS 2; AFS 2,3; NHS 4; Outdoors club 2; cross country 2. YERIC YARRINGTON-Varsity F 2,3,4; football 2,3,4; track 2,3,4.

RANDY YODER-basketball 2; golf 2,3, captain 4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 2,3,4; German club 2; student assistant 4; USB 4; FBLA tresurer 4; yearbook 4; Muse Machine 4. TOD YORK-football 3,4; office assistant 4; Varsity F 4; Ski club 2,3,4. DOUG YOUNG-Muse Machine 4. JAMIE YOUNG-chorus 4; office assistant 4; FBLA 4; WKET 2,3; Ski club 3.



MOLLY YOUNGKIN-A & M Consolidated high school, College Station, Texas, 2; fall play 3; winter play 4; Varsity F 3,4; honor roll 3,4; NHS 3,4; Quill & Scroll 3,4; yearbook 3, co-editor 4; hockey honey treasurer 3, secretary 4; WKET 3, secretary 4; Muse Machine 3,4; **Aerie** managing editor 4; scholar athlete 3; cross country 3, captain 4; track 3. DOROTHY YUSKO-ME 3; Firebird key HM 3.

TIME OUT! Doubles partners Bret Kramer and Jim Priser consult with varisty coach Tim Voegeli about their match. *Logan Photo*

Juniors win spirit week with unit decor; sponsor 'Winter Wonderland' in December

Spirited juniors started off the year great by winning the lobby decorations the week Fairmont played Centerville. The theme, "Nightmare On Elk Street," captivated everyone.

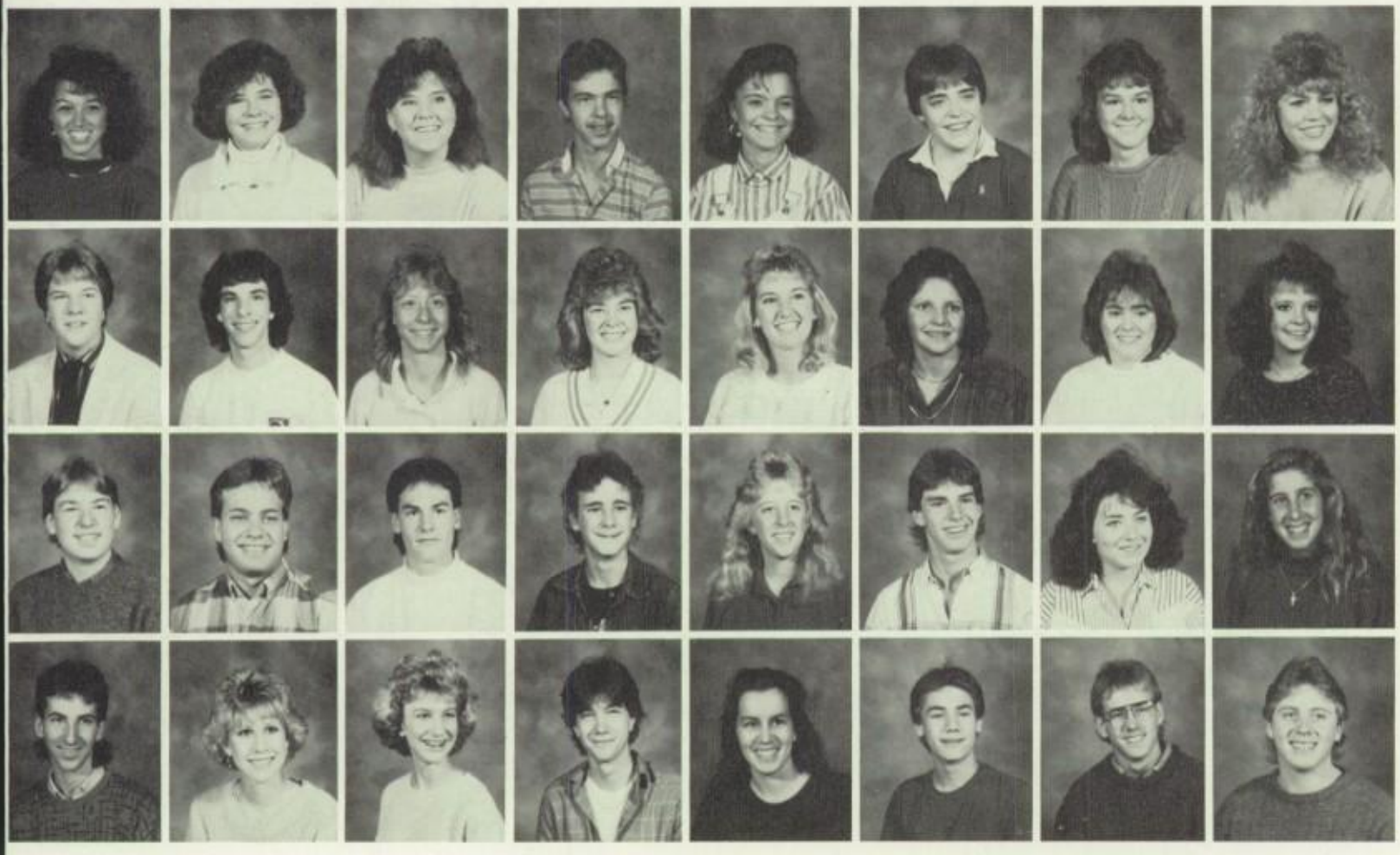
Junior class council also came together once again sponsoring the Christmas dance. The chosen theme, "Winter Wonderland," made the night seem almost magical. Council member Matt Davis said, "I really liked helping plan school dances because I got a chance to get involved."

Class council helped out with Fairmont's annual food drive by contributing in many more ways than one. President Jennifer Dixon and treasurer Penny Pummill even went to deliver the can goods to the families in Kettering. Most council members responded readily whenever possible.

Throughout the year the council members improved and motivated the student body. During spirit week the council members dressed up to get the rest of the school involved and interested with fun spirit. "It was great seeing Fairmont psyched," said vice-president Amy Lehman.

JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL-Front Row: Amy Lehman, Jennifer Dixon, Wendy Robey. **Back Row:** Matt Davis, Cheryl Abbott, Rob Hogarth. *Logan Photo*

1. Attended Homecoming dance	**60%**
2. Dressed up for spirit week	**60%**
3. Donated money to the spirit chain	**72%**
4. Participated in soph & junior activities	**88%**



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Kim Armstrong
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Sheri Arnette
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Cynthia Baker
Dennis Baker
Tracey Baker
Cristina Baldessari

Curt Baldwin
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Wymer Ball
Tonya Banks
Andy Barber
Kerry Barcus
Scott Barnette

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Fairmont students pay big money at movies!

Light! Camera! Action! Students chose to go to movies for several reasons. "Movies allowed me to escape from reality for a couple of hours," junior Tina Cukovecki commented. Many other students agreed.

Several popular movies debuted this year. When asked about her favorite movie of this year, junior Anne Meckstroth replied, "'Dirty Dancing' because Patrick Swayze looked awesome!"

Even with the releases of new movies, some juniors still enjoyed the old films. "'Animal House' was definitely my all time favorite movie," junior Shane Cotter admitted.

Most students agreed that seeing movies proved costly. "It was a rip off," junior Andy Ernst stated.

The price of going to the movies neglected to bother some of the girls. Junior Julie Hastings said, "I never cared because the guy paid for it."

Whether horror, comedy, romance, adventure, or drama, the variety of movies shown at the theater pleased all audiences who could have afforded the rapidly rising prices at the box office.

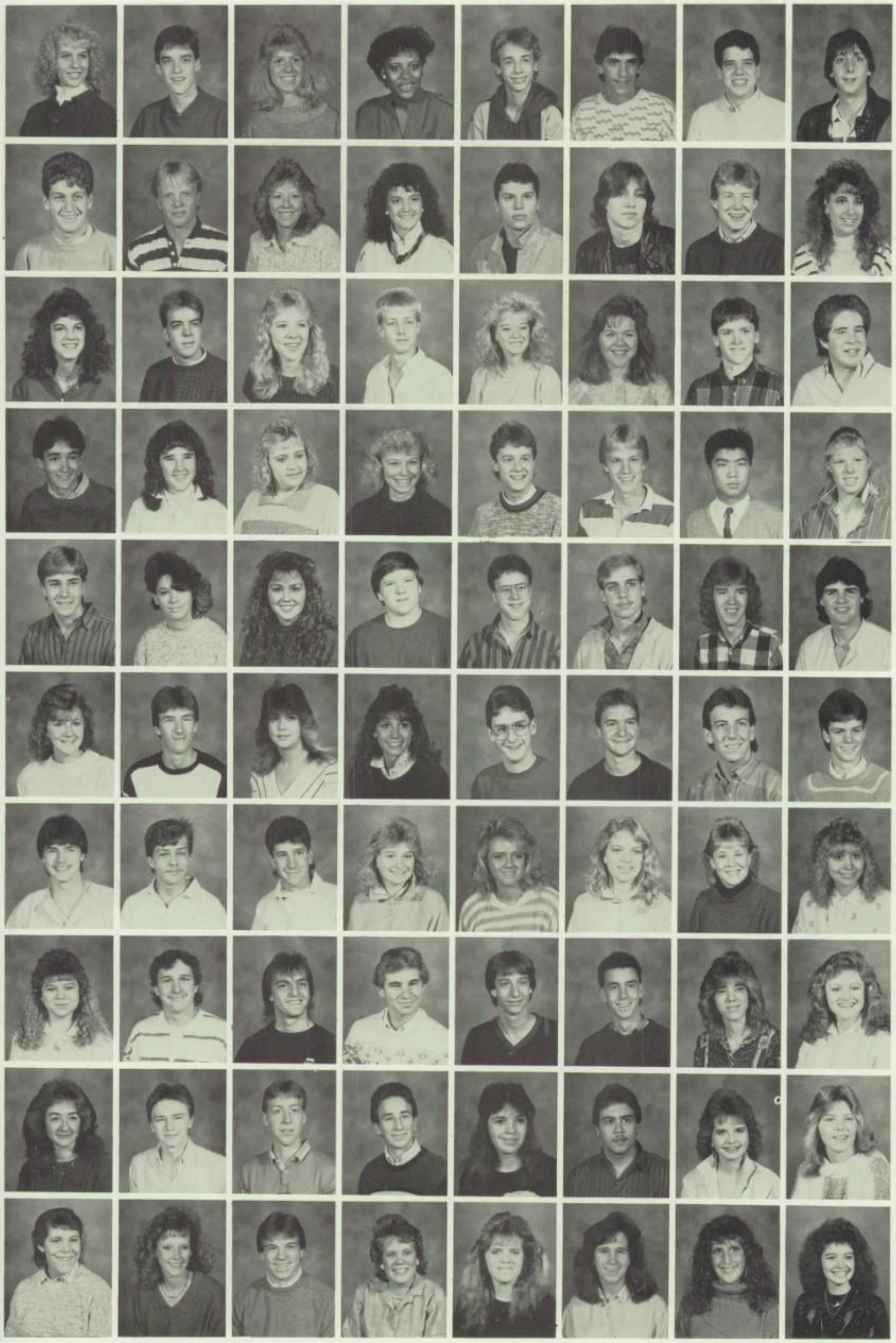
WHICH ONE SHOULD I SEE? With the variety of movies playing, junior Wendy Robey and many other students ask themselves that question.
Lenthe Photo

Movie Favorites

Dirty Dancing	**27%**
Top Gun	**25%**
Fatal Attraction	**17%**
Breakfast Club	**15%**
The Lost Boys	**9%**
Animal House	**7%**

Favorite Movie Types

Comedy	**47%**
Horror	**19%**
Adventure	**15%**
Romance	**10%**
Drama	**9%**



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Heather Drayer
Patrick Dugan
Sherre Dunn
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David Edmonson
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Michael Ellinger
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Joe Emerick

Tim Engelman
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Greg Groff
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Susan Guthrie

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Dawn Hagens
Doug Haines
Kyle Halcomb
Kim Haley
Brandon Hall
Russell Hall

Juniors look forward to valuable freetime, pushing extra moments to outer limits!

After a tiring day at school, juniors waited anxiously for the last bell to finally ring. Everyone looked forward to some free time to themselves.

Students enjoyed their free time in a variety of ways. Many juniors participated in sports. "Volleyball took up my extra time, after completing the season, I had more time to relax," stated Anna Raske.

Several juniors found time to hold part-time jobs. Most juniors said they worked an average of three nights a week and one day a weekend.

During the week, juniors liked to kick back and relax after school. "When I got home from school, I watched television and talked on the phone," said Monica Johnson. Many juniors explained how they spend a portion of their evening to finish assignments.

Juniors really looked forward to the weekends. They used this time to get caught up on sleep and hang out with friends. The most popular weekend activities included attending parties, and going to movies.

HEY THERE! Making plans for the night, junior Heather Drayer talks with a friend. She relaxed while chatting on the phone. *Collins Photo*

	YES	NO
Do you have a job?	62%	38%
Do you participate in sports?	42%	58%
Do you usually hang-out with friends after school?	68%	32%
Do you watch soap operas after school?	29%	71%

BUSY AT WORK! Stamping prices on items, junior Dawn Warnock finishes work. She made extra cash and new friends. *Collins Photo*

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Matt Hancock
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Nannette Harris

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Shawn Johnson
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Jennifer Judd

Whether in early or late, students manage to enjoy social time regardless of curfews

Fairmont students found themselves looking forward to weekends with anticipation. However, along with weekend plans came responsibilities of curfews.

Most students managed a reasonable agreement with their parents. Junior Deanna Downs felt, "A curfew at least gives me an idea of when to come in."

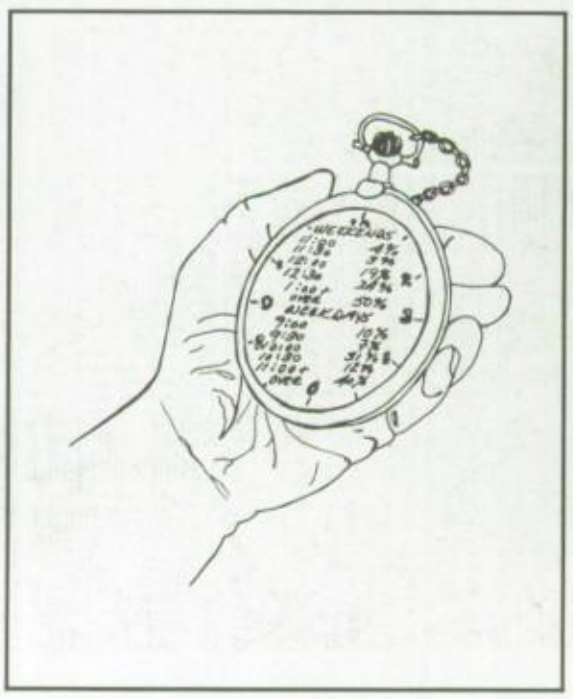
Although some students felt that they needed a curfew to keep them in line, others thought lightly of curfews. "Your parents should trust you enough not to put those restrictions on you," commented junior, Cristina Baldessari.

Some students with curfews chose to break them. For some this resulted in a somewhat calm argument with their parents while, for others, it resulted in some form of punishment such as shortened curfews and groundings.

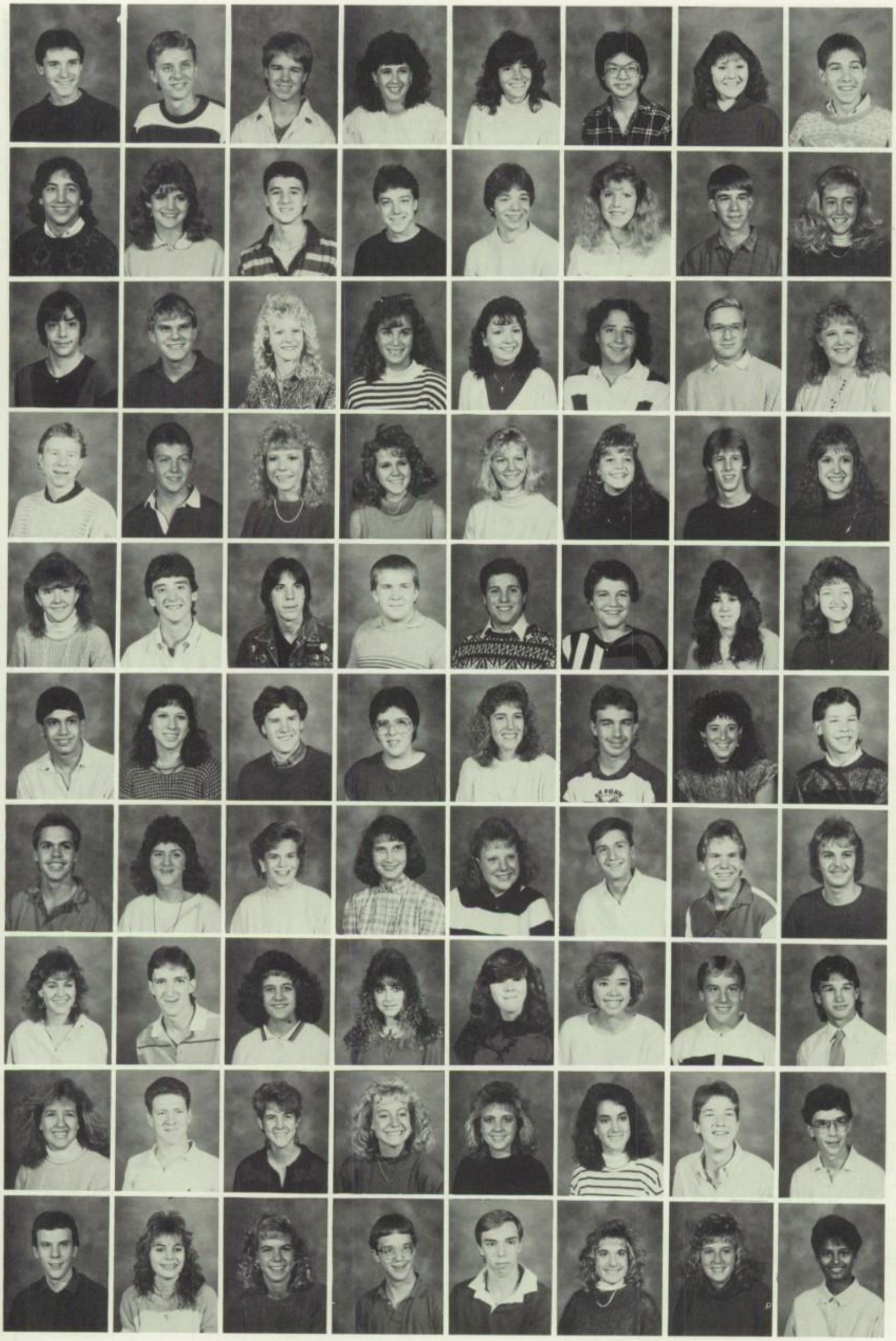
Some students managed to avoid the suffering that usually accompanied a broken curfew lengthened when they arrived home late.

Curfews, either early or late, accompanied the students' weekend plans. Regardless of 12:30 curfews or Monday morning curfews, students always managed to enjoy their weekends.

TRICKY! Sneaking in after curfew, junior Laura Fricke tries to avoid waking her parents. She found this an impossible task. *Karter Photo*



SNEAKY! Quietly coming home junior Bill Kennedy hopes to beat his late-night curfew. Some juniors didn't make it. *Karter Photo*



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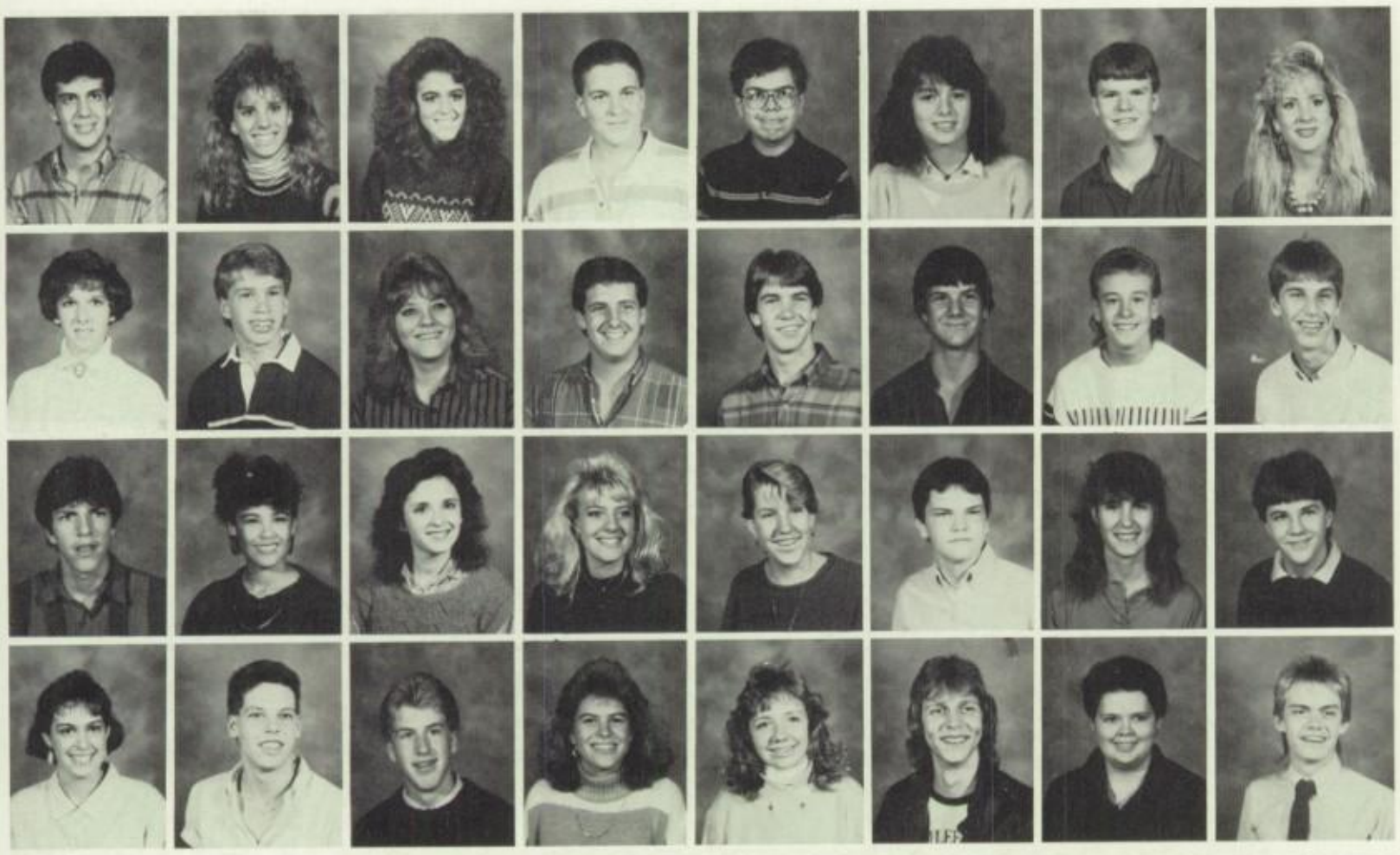

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Several students enjoy class presentations; others find butterflies, jitters abound

Some Fairmont students enjoyed giving class presentations because it gave them the opportunity to practice speaking before a class. However, other Fairmont students cringed at the thought of talking in front of their friends.

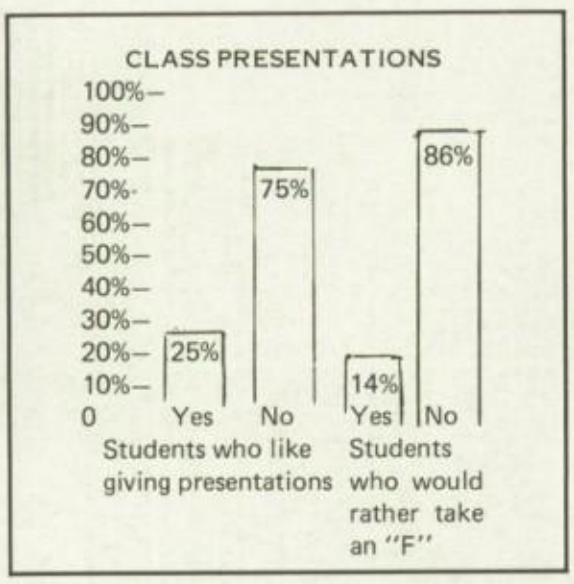
"Giving class presentations was a waste of time because some students got so nervous that were not willing to learn," according to junior Wendy Cantrell. Also, many students felt that presentations do not help with future opportunities.

"I felt class presentations gave me the opportunity to feel confident about myself," according to junior Cheryl Abbott. Other students felt that they could receive a better grade by giving presentations.

"I felt class presentations would prepare everyone to be comfortable around people," junior Amy Lehman explained. Some students enjoyed the challenges of classroom presentations because they proved a valuable experience for the future.

"I think many students would agree with me that presentations were no fun at all," commented junior Traci Hunter. Several students felt that they did not need presentations in education.

TUNE IN! Junior Jeff Toms prepares a news cart for his radio broadcasting class. Jeff helped inform WKET listeners. *Murdock Photo*



QUIET EVERYONE! Giving a report becomes a breeze for junior Matt Davis. He always felt at ease when speaking to his peers. *Murdock Photo*

Rising wears out Firebirds!

Many Fairmont students found early morning wake-up didn't fit in with their late night lifestyles. Even students who found themselves in bed early, still couldn't wake up.

School mornings began for some as early as 5 a.m. and ended as late as the 8:15 tardy bell. The few who got up early admitted it became a habit.

"In the beginning, getting up at 5 a.m. everyday tortured me, but I got accustomed to it!" junior Adam Burtt commented.

Regular mornings hassled many of the "sleepy heads" at Fairmont, no matter early or late to bed, some hated to rise!

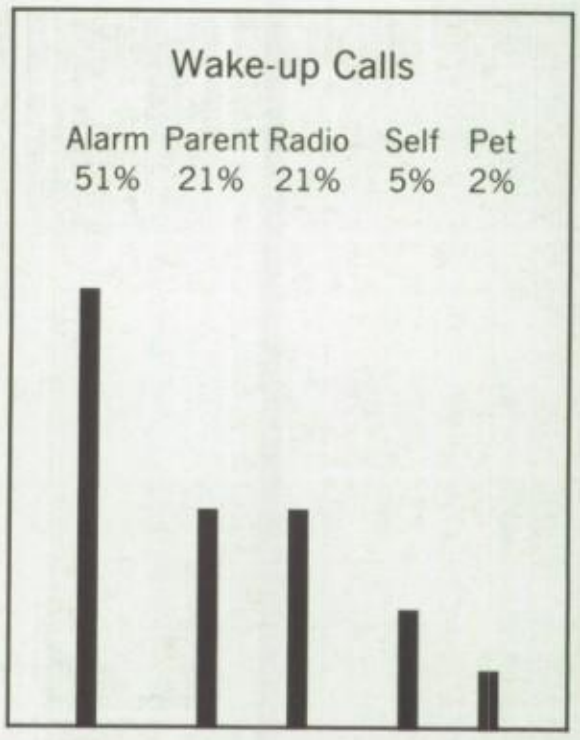
Later to bed, later to rise seemed to fit Fairmont students best. A few excused their lateness with: my car wouldn't start, or my alarm didn't go off. The fact that the cold weathered morning got to them, they just couldn't arise from the warmth of the bed.

"On the cold winter days no matter what time I got to bed, I still dreaded the 6:30 a.m. wake-up call," exclaimed junior Penny Pummill.

In the end, Kettering students found that early morning wake-up did not suit them. Too tired to rise carried out the Fairmont school year.

ANYBODY FOR BREAKFAST? On an early school morning, junior Amy Hurst's hunger awakens her early. The pain definitely won her over! *Thornburg Photo*

COME ALIVE! "Sleepy head" Jennifer Wiseman covers up to block out the morning chill. On cold winter days she dreaded getting out. *Thornburg Photo*



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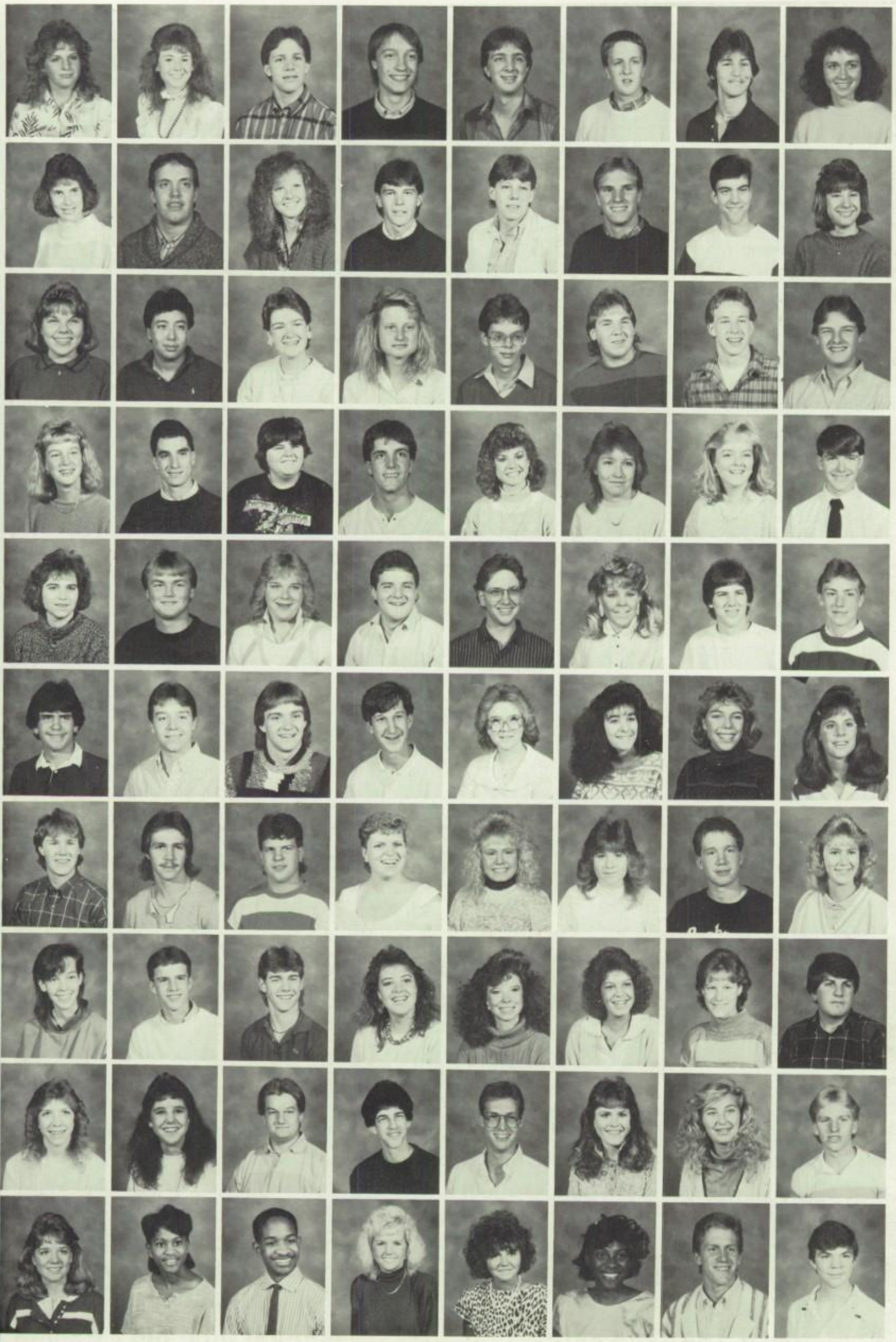

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Paul Willis
Jodi Wilmoth
Tara Wilmoth
Dianna Wilson
Donnie Wilson
John Wilson

Jayne Wimer
Kristina Winger
Jennifer Wiseman
Tom Witten
Kevin Witwer
Allen Wolf
Tashia Wolfe
Angela Woodley

Jill Worley
Mike Wudke
Catherine Young
Mike Young
Steve Yount
David Zitcovich

Students mourn over loss of special friend

Lori Watkins

In late summer, on a trip to Kings Island with friends, Lori Watkins lost her life in a tragic automobile accident.

Lori often congregated with a group of close friends. Her outgoing personality and sense of humor brought her popularity and many friends. Lori's will to have fun brought everyone she touched, smiles and joy. Tracy Vipperman stated, "The times I got to spend with Lori were some of the best times of my life."

Lori's interests included drill team, going out and having a good time, and just sitting at home sharing secrets with a close friend.

Faculty and friends, who knew Lori, found her outgoing and special. Lori touched the lives of all who knew her and will always remember her as a very special person.

WHERE'S THE FURNITURE? On a field trip to the Lincoln Park Complex Jenny Dixon and Sherri Beck learn about decorating in their design class. *Anderson Photo*

Fairmont sophomores' expectations climb while striving to achieve Firebird pride

Many activities kept the sophomore class council busy this year. Using the theme "Open Season on Elks" they decorated the east unit lobby for the football game against our archrival Centerville.

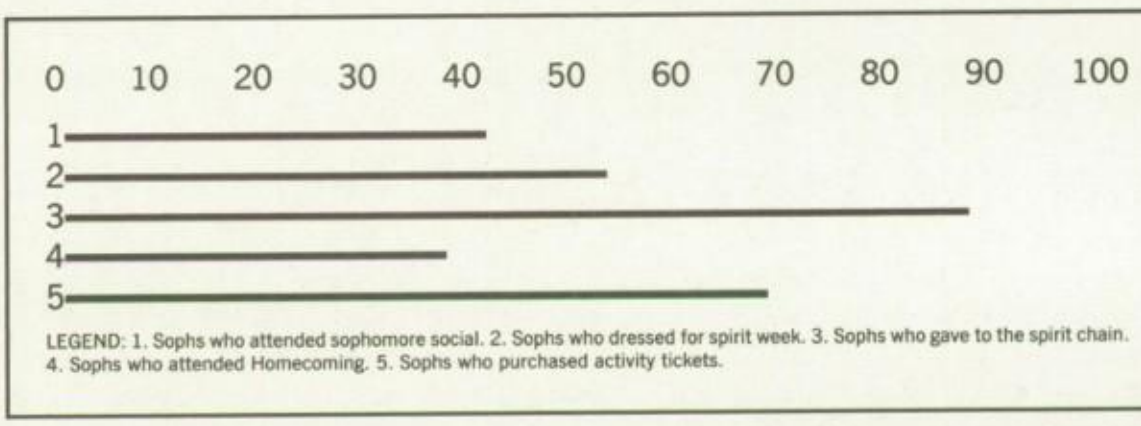
Many sophomores gave time towards their lobby. "It was a lot of hard work and we were proud of it," said Lori Effinger, class secretary. It scored a big hit with everyone.

Sophs felt that the money they earned from the magazine sale should pay for a new Santa suit. The sophs donated the suit so the tradition of the Santa pictures would continue.

Other sophs kept busy with the new challenges of high school. Brian Oliver said "We went from the top to the bottom." Sophs realized they had to work hard now. They needed to establish themselves as new Firebirds and to prepare for their lives.

Council members and soph classmates shared the sentiments of Dave Price. He said, "I loved the atmosphere of the high school, the freedom, and above all the new friendships."

SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL-Front Row: Brian Oliver, Gretchen Kleisinger, Lori Effinger. **Back Row:** Scott Mereness, Micki Hapner, Matt Kennedy. *Logan Photo*



LEGEND: 1. Sophs who attended sophomore social. 2. Sophs who dressed for spirit week. 3. Sophs who gave to the spirit chain. 4. Sophs who attended Homecoming. 5. Sophs who purchased activity tickets.

Rachel Achs
James Ackerman
Kevin Adams
Marilyn Adams
Ryan Adkins
Doug Albert
Kim Alberts
Staci Alcorn

Jennifer Alexander
Terry Allen
Tony Anello
Vanessa Anzalone
Pam Arnold
Brian Back
Rhonda Baggett
Jennifer Bajdo

John Ballard
Melody Banner
Chris Barber
Angela Barcus
Sarah Barcus
Eric Barhorst
Christine Barnes
Holly Basford

Clint Battles
Amy Baxter
George Beamer
Melissa Beatty
Danielle Becker
Brian Bell
Mark Benbow
Jason Benham

Brooke Benner
Eli Bennett
Melissa Berg
Robert Berger
Gary Bingham
Tiffany Binkis
Darren Bissinger
Jeff Blair

Robert Blair
Debbie Bockhorn
Jeff Bodem
Karen Boekel
Amy Bond
Tamara Bond
Suzanne Bordewisch
Barbara Borgstrom

Tracy Bornemann
Amy Borst
Aaron Boyd
Kim Brannon
Amy Branson
Sandeep Brar
Keith Breitenstein
Matt Brewer

Sharon Brewer
John Broughton
Chad Brown
David Brown
Jeannette Brown
Laura Brown
Russ Brown
Charles Browning

'Sweet 16' affords excitement to many, others fear added tough responsibilities

As the class of 1990 began their first year at Fairmont, many looked forward to turning "Sweet 16." Yet other sophomores had already turned 16 and awaited the new challenges and responsibilities that came with that magic number, 16.

Turning 16 opened new doors for members of the new sophomore class. Responsibility ranked high with the sophomores. West unit sophomore, Kris Smolinski said, "Driving a car and being able to wisely use the freedom that driving gave me were two responsibilities that I received when I turned 16."

Turning 16 also meant that many students had to begin thinking about applying for jobs. Sophomore Laurie Siske commented, "I think that getting a job was just the first step on the ladder of responsibility." Many needed jobs to begin to better learn the value of money.

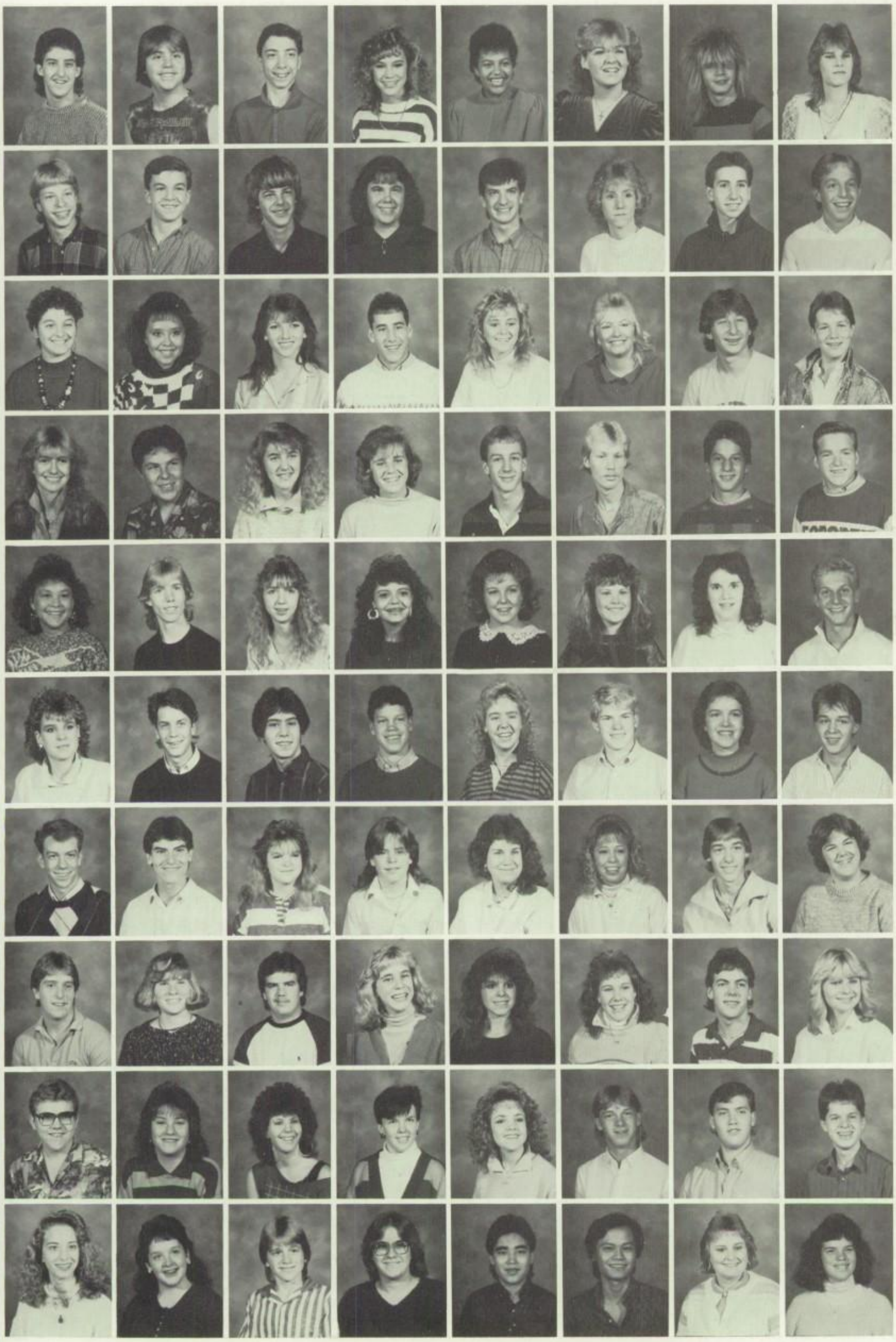
Yet others had simply dreams of turning "Sweet 16." When asked what her biggest dream about turning 16, central unit sophomore Crissy Lauterbach replied, "My biggest dream was getting my license, a car, and being able to drive to school instead of bumming rides off everybody on earth."

CONCENTRATION! While washing dishes at Pondersosa on Dorothy Lane, sophomore Steven Heckman prepares for closing time. *Anderson Photo*

Turning 16

	yes	no
16 and never been kissed	03%	97%
got a car on 16th birthday	16%	84%
partied on 16th birthday	18%	62%

OH! REALLY! Sophomores Melissa Skeries, Kristi Johnson, and Hope Livengood discuss morning events over loud cafeteria conversation. *Anderson Photo*



Jason Brua
John Bucy
Mike Bugajski
Stephanie Buhrman
Diana Bullock
Dawn Bunn
Scott Burcham
Tabatha Burdette

Monte Burge
Kevin Burr
Greg Buschur
Paula Bush
Jason Cambria
Christine Campbell
Gerald Campbell
William Cannarozzi

Tosha Carey
Melissa Carl
Casey Carpenter
Brad Carter
Denise Carter
Raye Carter
Sean Chansler
Dan Chapman

Jennifer Chapman
Scott Chapman
Nichole Chrisler
Stacie Christian
Josh Chromick
Ron Clark
Jason Clauss
Lionel Clawson

Julie Clements
Jeremy Clevenger
Dawn Cline
Shannon Cochran
Aimee Coleman
Amanda Collins
April Collins
Mike Columbus

Charlotte Combs
Adam Comer
Ty Conley
Paige Cook
Laura Copeland
Neil Cordonnier
Gale Cowan
Bill Crabtree

Jeff Crawford
Matt Creager
Leslie Crider
Patrick Crisler
Camilla Crumrine
Heather Cruze
Eddie Cunningham
Kristen Curol

Jon Curran
Leigh Cyphers
Mike Dalton
Missy Damstra
Shannon Daniels
Toni Daugherty
Jon Davis
Tamela Daws

Jeremy Day
Emily Dean
Brandi Decker
Karen Deime
Jenny Deis
Todd Delzeith
David Demorest
Brian DeVilbiss

Beth Devine
Jennifer Dew
Grant Dinsmoor
Katherine Disney
Edward Dittmer
Anh Vu Do
Tina Douglas
Amy Doyle

Michele Dressler
Tim Duggan
Kelly Duke
Julianna Dyer
Denise Dyrdek
Kelly Edwards
Lori Effinger
Tom Eggemeier

Rachel Ekkens
Charles Elkins
Mike Eller
Angie Enderle
Marcia Erhard
David Everman
Jonell Farren
Dena Fauber

Rachel Ferguson
Juliette Fiely
Julie Finck
Kevin Fisher
Jason Flannery
Bob Fortman
Jennifer Foster
Scott Fowler

Michael Fox
Ted Fox
Jenni Frazer
Steve Frederick
Mike Fullenkamp
Becky Fulmer
Brad Funderburg
Tammy Gamble

Charles Gannon
David Ganz Sarto
Ann Marie Garcia
Lonnie Garland
Chad Gearing
Mark Geeding
Jeff Geeting
Jeanette Gelm

Angelena George
Lisa George
Doug Gerding
Joe Gilleland
Chris Goad
Greg Goetz
Deni Golden
Jerry Gordon

Joe Gore
Scott Gowdy
Jenny Granson
Melissa Grant
Jamie Gray
Melanie Greene
Paul Grgic
Tabitha Griffith

Michelle Grimes
Doug Grote
Andrea Groves
Steve Hadley
Chris Hagen
Julie Hanes
Angela Hambrick
Roxana Hamilton

Jill Hansen
Michelle Hapner
Bryan Harkleroad
Stacy Harlow
Kristen Haroldson
Mike Harvey
Jennifer Harville

Heather Harwood
Chris Hatch
Kim Hatcher
Shannon Hatcher
Jason Hayes
Steve Heckman
Jeff Hedrick
Heidi Heitz-Hadorn
Jennifer Hellmund

'Wheel of Fortune,' 'Jeopardy' inspire students in classroom learning activities

"Pick a number." "Answer this question." Students heard this phrases quite frequently during a school year. Teachers and students learned and played a variety of games in a classroom. Whether review games, or U.S. History Jeapordy, games added fun, excitement and education to the classroom.

John Gonzales, a social studies teacher, said, "Games help kids because thay learn without trudging through a traditional lecture or worksheet, and it allows students free expression and opinion."

Students also find games a fun way to learn material. Sophomore Tony Anello said, "Games let me learn and they enable me to relax and feel comfortable."

Games helped the kids learn, but also helped the teachers teach. "I like to take approaches toward my work," said Gonzales. "Games do meet the needs of varying learning styles of a student and a teacher."

Games in the classroom added another dimension to learning. They excited the mind and provoked greater study habits. Gonzales summed up ideas on games in the classroom by saying, "Learning can be fun."

AWARDS! Fairmont's sports teams display various hardware won in the past. Track and field compiled the largest amount. *Murdock Photo*

TRIVIA

1. How many times has the Fairmont Firebirds' field hockey team been in the finals of the state championships?
2. How many male teachers are there in the school?
3. How many members are on the Fairmont yearbook staff?
4. What Fairmont Firebird sport has earned the most trophies?
5. How many parking spaces are in the lot?
6. How many school clocks are there?

Answers
1. three of the last five years
2. 85
3. 36
4. track & field
5. 526
6. 84

CORRECT! Getting smarter with a learning game, teacher John Gonzales and his fifth period students enjoy "Gonzopardy." *Murdock Photo*

Scott Hennon
Rebecca Hensley
Renee Hensley
David Henson
Joy Herbert
Gregory Herman
Lauren Hickey
David Hill

Doug Hill
Jennifer Hill
Rebecca Hiller
Kent Himebaugh
Bryan Hinch
Stacie Hites
James Hoey
Steve Hogue

Heather Holland
Kim Hoskins
James Houpt
Brian Householder
Missy Howard
Kim Howe
Nancy Howe
Melissa Howell

Fay Howland
Thomas Hudson
William Huffman
Andrea Hummel
Rusty Humphrey
Kevin Hurst
Lori Hutsell
Nichole Hydler

Mike Isreal
Stephen Ivy
Dorie Jackson
Lesley Jackson
Keith James
Susan Jeffery
Renee Jewell
Derek John

Jason Johnson
Kristi Johnson
Sherrie Johnson
Tamara Johnson
Brenda Jones
Cathy Jones
Greg Jones
Jason Jones

Jeff Jones
Jennifer R. Jones
Rob Jones
Sharon Jones
Laurie Jordon
Amy Kalthoff
Anne Kalthoff
Lisa Kamper

Shawna Keeney
Matt Kennedy
Matt Killinen
David King
Phil Kingrey
Aaron Kinser
Gretchen Kleisinger
Brian Kline

Novice drivers accelerate

Excitement began to grow as the sophomores finally turned 16. Cautiously entering the streets, they held their long-awaited legal driver's license with hands held tight on the wheel.

Finally came the time they had all awaited for so patiently, their very first auto driving experience. "The first time I drove I felt such freedom," said sophomore Eric Sonye.

Although some students have suffered from the bad aspects of their driving privilege. An ananyomous sophomore stated that he had his worst time running into a pine tree. He said, "I wasn't quite ready for driving on snow yet." He continued "but I learned to, after I payed $2000 to buy a tree."

Additionally, students told of their first violations that officers gave tickets for. Sophomore Jenny Dice exclaimed she received her ticket unjustly. She said "I was only going 39 in a 35 mph zone." Tony Myers said that his first parking ticket also seemed unfair. "Parking too close to the curve!"

One concensus showed that despite the common scare of receiving a ticket or getting in an accident, the sophomores first driving experience came out as one to remember forever.

OOPS! After backing into another car on Shroyer Road earlier in the day, sophomore Jonell Farren glances at the damage. *Coleman Photo*

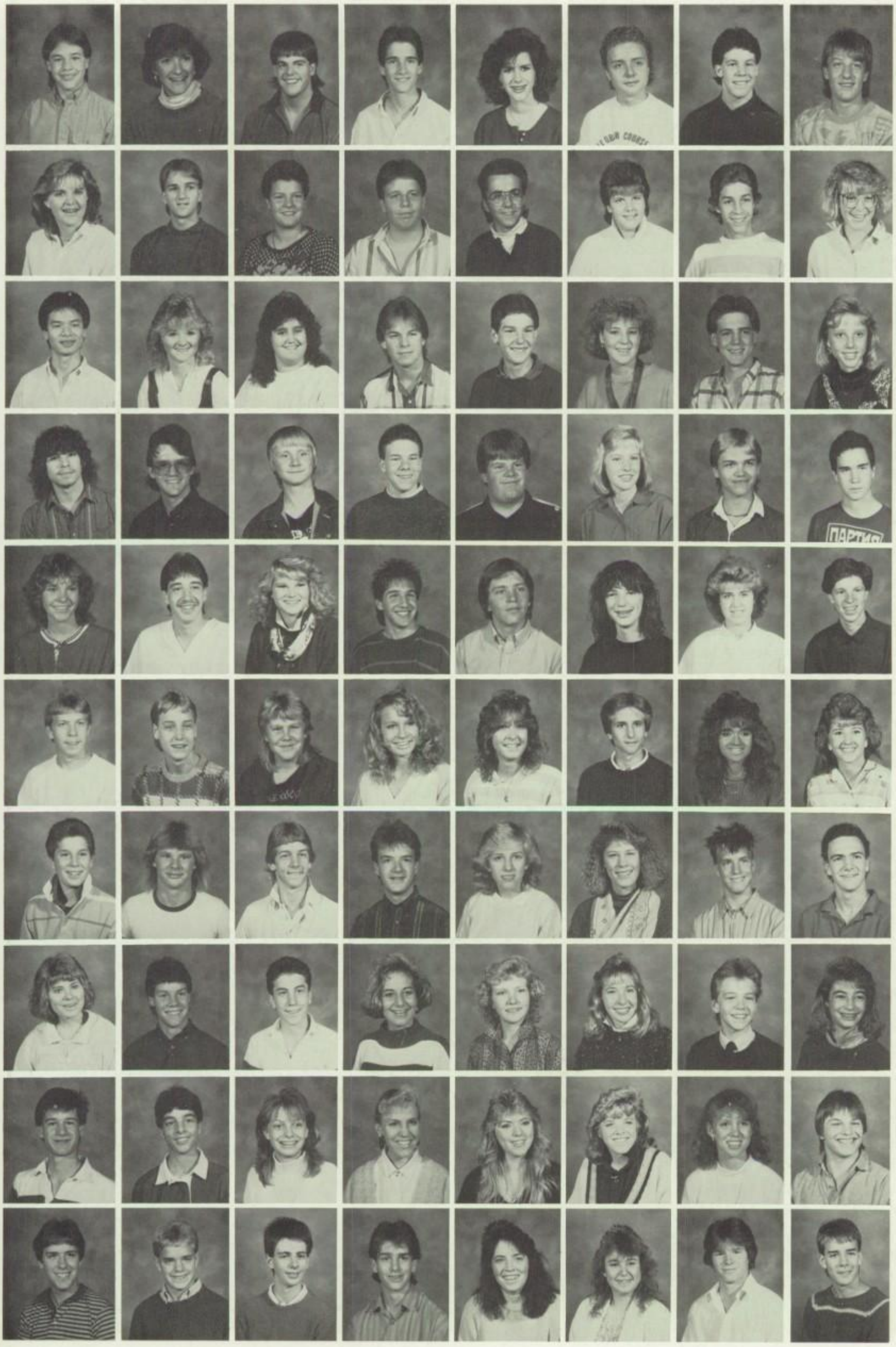
SLOWLY, VERY SLOWLY! While practicing manueverability, sophomore Sharon Lemons fearfully appraoches a cone. *Kreitzer Photo*

SURVEY

Have you gotten a ticket since you received your license? yes-89% no-11%

Have you gotten an auto accident since you got your license? yes-96% no-4%

Have you been grounded from the car? yes-99% no-1%



Chris Knight
Patti Knoop
Andy Koch
Mark Koch
Aggie Konstantinou
Adam Koziol
Douglas Kraus
Douglas Krein

Andrea Kunz
Todd Labensky
Karen Lahm
Jason Lambert
Craig Landis
Jean Lauterbach
Wayne Lawhorn
Julie Lawrence

Long Thanh Le
Angela Leisure
Shannon Lemons
Gary Leonard
Ben Lickliter
Hope Livengood
Ted Loeffelholz
Heather Lolan

Mike Long
Jeffrey Lour
Brian Louthian
Dustin Lowe
Scott Lowe
Jennifer Lymburner
Shawn Lyons
Stephen Mainard

Christy Mangold
Dave Manning
Autumn Mantia
Tony Manzo
William Martel
Christine Martin
Jennifer Martin
Kirby Martin

Mike Martin
Stephen Martin
Christopher Masden
Jean Mayne
Debbie McCarthy
Alan McDougal
Jennifer McFarland
Stacy McGovern

Doug McGrew
Mike McKinzie
John McLemore
Kevin McLeod
Tamara McLinnie
Kristie McMahon
Dave McManus
Chris Medlin

Dawn Mendenhall
Scott Mereness
Chris Merritt
Jennifer Messer
Tina Messer
Jennifer Meyer
Lee Meyer
Andrea Michaud

Marc Michigan
Paul Militello
Amanda Miller
Holly Mitchell
Steve Mittelstadt
Jill Mlinac
Jennifer Montgomery
Rodney Moore

Greg Moorman
Andy Morgan
John Morgan
Steve Morgan
Deena Moses
Kim Mounts
Jesse Mowen
Jon Mullins

Eric Mummey
Jeff Murray
Dale Napier
Jerry Neal
Tammy Neal
Melissa Neeley
Phil Neiman
Thieu Nguyen

Chris Nissen
Jeff Nix
Phil Odella
Missy Ogden
Angela Oliver
Brian Oliver
Jeff Oliver
Trevor Oliver

Dana Oney
Maureen O'Shaughnessy
Tiffany Otto
Stan Patterson
Luann Patton
Janet Paulaskas
Katy Payne
Debbie Perkins

Son Hoang Pham
Thai Phoung Pham
Elizabeth Phillips
Jason Phillips
Kim Pierce
Ed Pokorski
Chad Pope
Mary Porter

Richard Porter
Bill Potter
Kristin Potter
Robyn Powell
Dave Price
Leslie Probasco
Shatonya Puckett
Michele Putnam

Sophia Quach
Jason Quillen
Brigid Quinlan
Cece Raiff
Laura Rakay
Chad Reese
Joe Reichert
Robert Reidy

Julia Reines
Chad Reusch
Christine Reuther
Todd Rich
Craig Richardson
Paige Riegel
Steve Rigsby
Dara Rinearson

Melanie Ripple
Susan Ritter
Holly Roberts
Scott Roberts
Mark Romer
Charles Rose
Kyle Rose
Ritchie Rose

Jennifer Roseberry
Jennifer Sage
Eric Sallee
Becky Sanders
Tim Satterfield
Meredith Saunders
Eric Schaaf
Jim Schenk

David Scherer
Heather Schick
Robin Schierling
Tracy Schindel
Tami Schneider
Carmen Schohe
Vincent Schommer
Natalie Schraml

Allowances teach sophomores money value, provide means for weekend entertainment

"It made a student feel like a part of the family unit if they earned a part of the family income . . . It developed a sense of the value of money as well as taught the basics of financial responsiblity," claimed assistant principal William Stager, a supporter of allowance.

Most sophomores viewed their weekly allowance as a vital necessity to their social lives. Jeff Nix, a sophomore said, "I usually blow my allowance on the weekend." But other sophomores started to plan for their future. The money Missy Damstra earned went in the bank for college.

Of course, most sophomores said, if they worked and received an allowance, they might even save some money for a rainy day. After she said her other expenses, sophomore Jennifer Hellmund saved her money for extensive travels around the country.

Obviously, each student chose to spend their allowance differently, but one thing they all agreed on — allowances made up a vital part of the sophomore's income.

FINALLY! Allowance day has come at last. Tony Anello only had to walk to west unit to receive his weekly $10. *Murdock Photo*

Sophomores Allowance

9%	$$$$$+
11%	$$$$
16%	$$$
35%	$$
29%	$

$=5.00

SURRENDER IT! A hungry Leslie Jackson gives up a dollar to cashier Gloria Nestor for her lunch. Leslie had to pay for her noon meals from her allowance. *Murdock Photo*

Nicole Schraml
Elizabeth Schrand
Tonya Schreiber
Amy Schuh
Katherine Schumacher
Eric Schwartz
Andy Schweller
Missy Schwieterman

Chris Seasholtz
Tracy Secrest
Melanie Seiser
Jason Selke
Dale Shaver
Perry Shaver
Pam Sherwood
Heather Shields

Tonia Shockey
Denise Shoup
Jim Shover
Brad Shroyer
Mike Simko
Ron Simko
Dianne Simmons
Susan Simmons

Joe Simpson
Bill Sipe
Laurie Siske
Melissa Skeries
Chris Smith
Doug Smith
Greg Smith
Jack Smith

Kelly Smith
Kris Smolinski
Dave Snow
Scott Soehner
Steve Somers
Anthony Sonye
Eric Sonye
Melissa Spang

Rebecca Sparaco
Mike Spears
Greg Speece
Susan Spencer
Todd Spicer
Sharon Spivey
Jason Stacy
Jeremy Stacy

Christine Stafford
Jennifer Stafford
Liz Stager
Ken Stedman
Tracy Stein
Jody Steinbarger
Paula Stewert
Shelly Stewert

Maria Stickel
Jay Stump
Mike Stump
Jennifer Sumner
Heather Swafford
Tracy Tatom
Shane Taylor
Scott Tener

Wayne Tennery
Mike Terranova
Jason Tharp
Michele Thomas
Patti Thompson
Renee Thurman
Debbie Tilton
Melinda Tipps

Ben Tither
Steve Toller
Tony Tomashot
Terry Toney
Laurel Totten
Lana Tripolone
Steve Tulloch
Joe Tunney

Joy Unger
Dianna Unroe
Lehla VanCamp
Kerri VanHecke
Linda VanSchagen
Curtis Vorwerck
Cara Vosburg
April Wade

Erich Walder
David Walko
Tracy Warner
Steve Warren
Kie Watkins
Jocelyn Weathers
Angela Webb
Brett Weber

Joe Weddington
Jocelyn Weeda
Chris Weekley
Mary Weidner
Matt Weikert
Denise Wells
Jason Wells
John Welsh

Louie Wendeln
Julie Wessling
Lynn Wetherholt
Christine Wharton
Lisa White
Robert White
Megan Whiteside
Tracie Widener

David Wieland
Brian Wierzba
Mike Wilcheck
David Wiley
Jeff Williams
Jerry Williams
Steve Williams
Gary Wilson

Heather Windle
Mary Winfield
Kris Wolf
Michelle Wolford
Rosalia Wollenhaupt
Rachel Woods
Angie Wright
Cindy Wright

Matt Wright
Scott Wright
Kelly York
Bill Younce
Lori Young
Steve Young
Chris Yung

MID-ACTION! During a Centerville game, Tracy Bornemann utilizes her skill to add two points. Fairmont hosted the rival. *Logan Photo*

Administration helps out with Video Break

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Paul Wotherspoon, business director; James Trent, assistant superintendent; Dr. John Goff, superintendent; William Stager, vice-principal; William Stubbs, director of personnel. *Logan Photo*

KETTERING BOARD OF EDUCATION-Front Row: Mary Kay Feller-president, Steven Harvey-vice-president, Sara Rich. **Back Row:** Kenneth Vogt, Earl Hintz, Jerold Steck-treasurer. *Logan Photo*

Hard work and tough decisions brought John Goff and the administration a tough, but challenging year. The many problems made the year long and hard but rewarding accomplishments made them proud.

The year started out with the talk of new and improved rearrangements of the chemistry and physic labs. The project started during the 1987 and continued throughout the school year. The hopes of this arrangement included more advanced experimentation and more safety precautions.

Talk of an all-weather track brought stars not only to the coaches eyes, but athletes as well. The money situation proposed the major problem for the track. The track would cost approximately 4-500,000 dollars.

Dr. Goff, Frank Spolrich, and a class at Fairmont had a major project called the Fairmont Video Break. A new class designed to help students learn about TV and put a ten minute show on channel 10, cable TV. This report included not only Fairmont news, but surrounding area news too. Principal Spolrich helped out with the class frequently. Spolrich commented, "It was a terrific tool for the high school and the district. It updated the citizens with area news."

A first-time award this year, Ohio Superintendent-of-the-Year, honored Dr Goff. This award entered him in the national contest for the U.S. Superintendent-of-the-Year. Goff expressed his joy and pleasure in his job, "I enjoy doing my job, only the tough curricular decisions made it difficult."

Decisions seemed to put a stress on Goff and the administration, but they all had a fine year.

HERE'S RUSSELL! During the Horatio Alger assembly, Principal Frank Spolrich introduces the motivational speaker Russell Isaacs, CEO of Heck's Inc. *Barlow Photo.*

MARJORIE ADLER-BS Drexel U, MS UD; business law, consumer economics, personal typing; senior class adviser. JIM ANDREWS-BS Bowling Green; driver education; girls' tennis coach. MARIANNE BAILEY-BS Miami U; LD tutor. ROGER BAUSER-BA Capital U; advanced Spanish; activities coordinator, USB adviser. LINDA BERGMAN-teacher.

DALE BERRY-BS Miami U; marketing education; DECA, sophomore class adviser. SUSAN BLEVINS-BS Western Michigan, MA UD; business math, elementary algebra, trigonometry. MELVA BOHANING-AB Eastern Kentucky; Spanish I,II. SHERM BOWSER-BS Kings college, MA Columbia U; athletic director. KARL BREMER-BA, MEd Wright State; radio broadcasting, television production; WKET, video club adviser.

DAVID BROWN-BS Bowling Green, MAT Miami U; chemistry I,II; science dept. chairman. ANNE BUCK-BS Wittenberg, MS UD; civics, American history; assistant athletic trainer. ED BUSH-BS Eastern Kentucky; machines & metals. JAMES BUTCH-BFA Ohio U, MARE; contest speech, English, debate; NFL adviser. ROBERT CHAPMAN-BS Wilmington college, MEd Xavier; algebra II; baseball coach.

NEAL CHARSKE-BS Miami U; engineering graphics, drafting & design, stage craft; dept. chairman, drafting club adviser; cross country coach, track coach. JEFF CLAUS-BS Wright State; multi media specialist; library & audio visual coordinator; chess coach. SONDRA COLBURN-BS, MS Miami U; senior IOE; sophomore class adviser. LORI COLE-teacher. MARY JO COLEMAN-west unit secretary.

SCOTT COUNTS-BS Wright State; geography; cross country coach, track coach. DEAN DEERHAKE-BS OSU, MEd Xavier; physics, chemistry; science olympiad coach. NANCY DEVORE-BS UD, MEd Miami U; marriage & family living, interior design, independent living, mealtime cookery, creative cookery. PHILLIP DRAYTON-BS, MS UD; central unit supervisor. BO DURST-east unit aide.

MARVIN DWORKIN-BS Ohio Northern, MS Xavier; US history, American studies. GEORGE ECHKO-BS, MS Purdue; data processing; head volleyball coach. FRAN EDEN-BS UD; health & physical education; assistant athletic director. THOMAS ELLIOT-BS Miami U, MS UC; diversified co-op training, industrial education; junior class adviser. KAREN ERISMAN-BS Ohio U; business math, intermediate algebra, plane geometry; math club adviser.

ANN FAHNLINE-MA Miami U; art. ANITA FECKE-BS Ohio U; record keeping, accounting. SHEILA FIERRO-BA Akron U; child development, marriage & family living, cooking arts, independent living; safe rides adviser. CHARLES Fry-BS Lincoln Memorial U, MA Miami U; woods. GARY GANTZ-BA Ohio U, MEd Wright State; biology I,II.

LORRAINE GEARHART-RN Lancaster General, BS Millersville, PA; DCHO coordinator; assistant ski club adviser. DOROTHY GIBBS-BA Syracuse U, MAT U of V; Latin I,II; JCL adviser. STEVE GOOGASH-teacher. RODNEY GRADEL-BS Capital U; treble choir, mixed chorus, Illusion director, musical director. SHIRLEY GRIFFITH-BA Ohio Wesleyan, MEd Miami U; gui — dance counselor.

CHRIS GRIGGS-BS Florida State, MEd Wright State; US history, American studies; JCOWA adviser; department head. DALE HAMILTON-BA Western Kentucky; library & media center; Muse Machine adviser. LINDA HARRISON-BA OSU, MLS Ball State; Spanish; Spanish club adviser. PATRICIA HANSGEN-BS Bowling Green, MS UD; chemistry I, general science. HERB HETZER-Music director.
PEG HOAGLAND-BS Kent State; marriage & family living, independent living, child development; department head, Ski club adviser. BRUCE HOBBS-BA Iowa Wesleyan; health & physical education. MERLE HOOVER-BS Rio Grande, MA Xavier; OWE adviser. FRANA HOWELL-assistant principal's secretary. NANCY INGRAM-BS, MS UD; US history, modern European history, civics.

ROBERT JANES-BA UD; CWI, US history. CAROL JUDD-teacher. BOB KARL-BA Allegheny; American history, radio broadcasting; girls' track coach, assistant cross country coach, track statisticians club adviser. JESSE KIDD-teacher. TED KILMER-BS OSU; west unit supervisor.

FRED KINGREY-BA Earlham college, MEd Miami; physics, geology; KSFS adviser. MICHAEL KLOPFER-BS Eastern Kentucky, MA UD; COE; assistant golf coach. DAVE KLUDY-BS, MA OSU; enriched calculus, business calculus, intermediate math. JOHN KOONTS-BS UD, MEd Ohio U; guidance counselor. BEVERLY KRAMER-BS CSU; DHO; outdoor activity club adviser.

WILLIAM KRAMER-BS Indiana State, MS University of Michigan; enriched geometry, advanced basic, Basic I,II, computer math; computer club, outdoor activity club adviser. BOB KRITZER-BA Penn State, MA Michigan State; health & physical education; boys' track coach. JEAN KRITZER-BA Mercyhurst college; survey of lit & comp, US lit & comp. JOHN KEUHN-AB Ohio U, MA UD; basic English, literary analysis. PAT KUNTZ-BS Wright State; study hall monitor.
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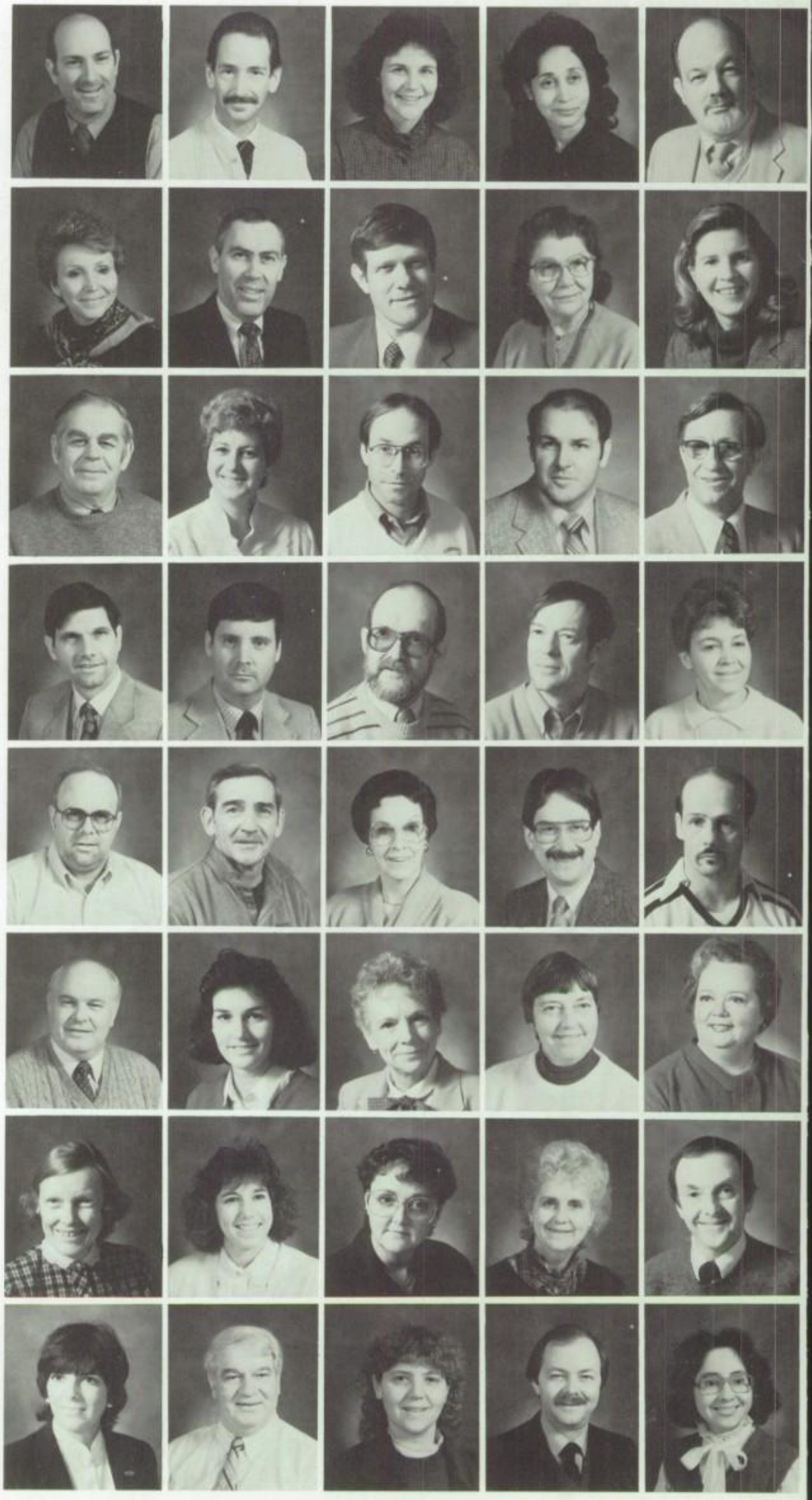

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Fairmont teachers find new ways to educate student body in order to avoid boredom

Work! Work! Work! All Fairmont teachers seemed to express that thought. When they wrote the week's schedule on the board, students constantly complained that they will never get it done. Teachers, however, became determined to get everything accomplished.

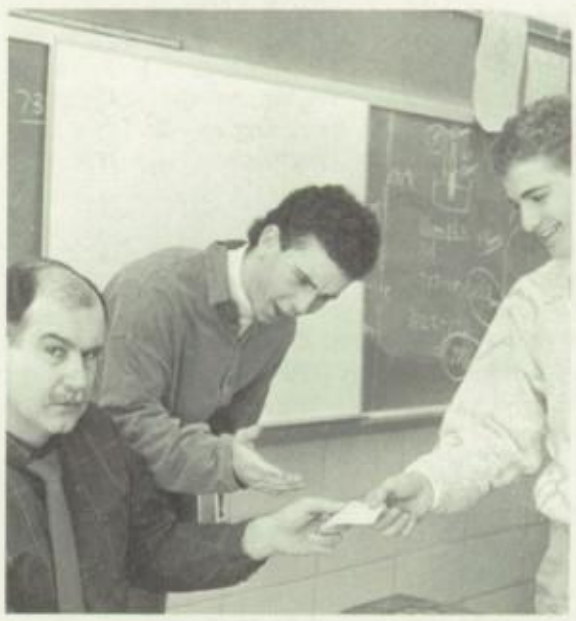
Some teachers found special ways of teaching, so students remained interested and paid attention. A lot of teachers used each other's process to educate students.

Nancy Ingram's student teacher, Leslie Robbins replied, "I constantly tried to do something new everytime. Many students dislike history so I brought out the excitement of it." She explained, "If I am a good teacher that's what counts."

Fairmont teachers have also educated students to understand life instead of just school work and tests. They believed that other things could get accomplished outside of school.

Dennis Priser explained his methods of teaching, "My teaching philosophy is to teach responsibility as well as subject matter." He also replied. "I enjoy teaching and I want it to come through my teaching. I do not want to be boring because it's important to have fun in my class."

Good teachers have always strived to educate students through their influence and subject knowledge throughout the year.



EVEN A NIMNU COULD DO IT! In control, teacher Charles Painter attempts to explain the finer aspects of trigonometry. *Murdock Photo*

Some inventive excuses add excitement, but teachers see them as too mundane

When it came to excuses, Fairmont teachers felt they had heard them all. Students invented catastrophes to explain late homework and went to great lengths to miss a day or two of school. Although some excuses appeared legitimate, others proved the students' abundancy of imagination.

Late homework gave students an opportunity to let their imaginations run wild. Sharon Rab felt the best excuse she heard came from a girl who sadly explained, "There were no pencils in the house." But some students preferred mundane excuses like, "I had to work."

However students went out of their way to miss school. Jeff Claus said many students had to run home because they, "forgot the keys to the car." Also, students invented dead grandmothers so they could miss a day to attend the funeral.

Outrageous incidences abounded. One girl slid across the quadrangle in the mud so she could go home and change. A boy appeared in the newpaper photographed at Ceasar's Creek and still had a sick note explaining his illness. Desperate students found ways to skip school.

No matter what the reason teachers found that students had excuses to explain everything which made their days at Fairmont more interesting.

GET REAL! Seeking the truth, Ed Perry takes an excuse from Matt Davis and Dave Edmondson. Finding the truth proved difficult. *Murdock Photo*

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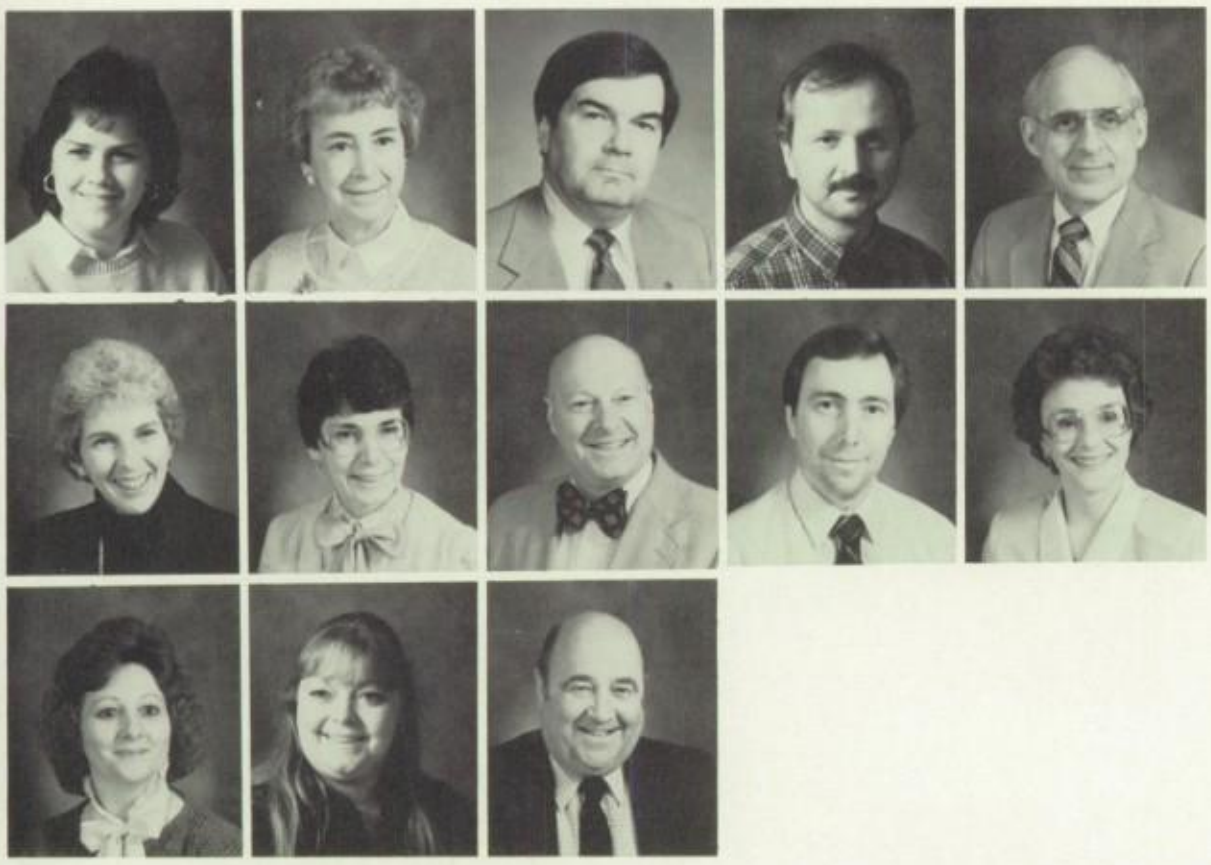

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CALCULATIONS! Hard at work treasurer Sue Shields keeps track of billings from clubs. School activities greatly depended on Mrs. Shields.
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Right: **RECORDING THE DIAGNOSIS!** Lorraine Gearhart oversees the health and well being of the Firebirds. Her DCHO students helped with athletic physicals. *Murdock Photo*

Below right: **KEEPING TRACK!** Checking lists, dates and activities keeps Patricia Turner busy. As the principal's secretary, she had many responsibilities. *Murdock Photo*

CAREFUL! Studying his students, Fred Von Gruenigen keeps a watchful eye on his fourth period class as he contemplates his retirement activities. *Murdock Photo*

Retiring Firebirds exchange academics for

Kettering Fairmont High School bids farewell to several staff members after the 1987-88 school year. Jean Kritzer, Janet Evans, Lorraine Gearhart, Fred Von Gruenigen, and Patrica Turner retired from Fairmont's staff.

During her seven years here, Kritzer taught ten different English courses. Preparations for classes included reading over 130 novels. Most of all she liked the super students, the dedicated faculty, and the very supportive unit supervisors.

Kritzer turned from literature to freelance portraiture, accepting commissions for pastels and oil paintings. Instead of disciplining students, Kritzer planned to take her dog to obedience school.

After helping so many students plan their futures, Evans the counselor in the west unit, looked forward to scheduling her own free time. She intended to spend it golfing, traveling, and visiting her relatives.

Asked why she enjoyed working at Fairmont, Evans said, "I loved to watch new students blossom and grow throughout their high school careers."

"I'm excited about this new phase of my life," said Lorraine Gearhart, the DCHO coordinator. She awaited her new freedom and energy to try new and exciting things.

Her most memorable day stood as the school's first blood drive. A helicopter planned, as a highlight of the drive, got delayed and then got lost on a snowy February day.

DISPENSING PHILOSOPHY! Jean Kritzer clarifies one of the finer points of English for David Ganz Sarto. She often helped students one-on-one. *Murdock Photo*

renewed lives, challenges

Gearhart remembered the copter circling and students waving and running to flag them down.

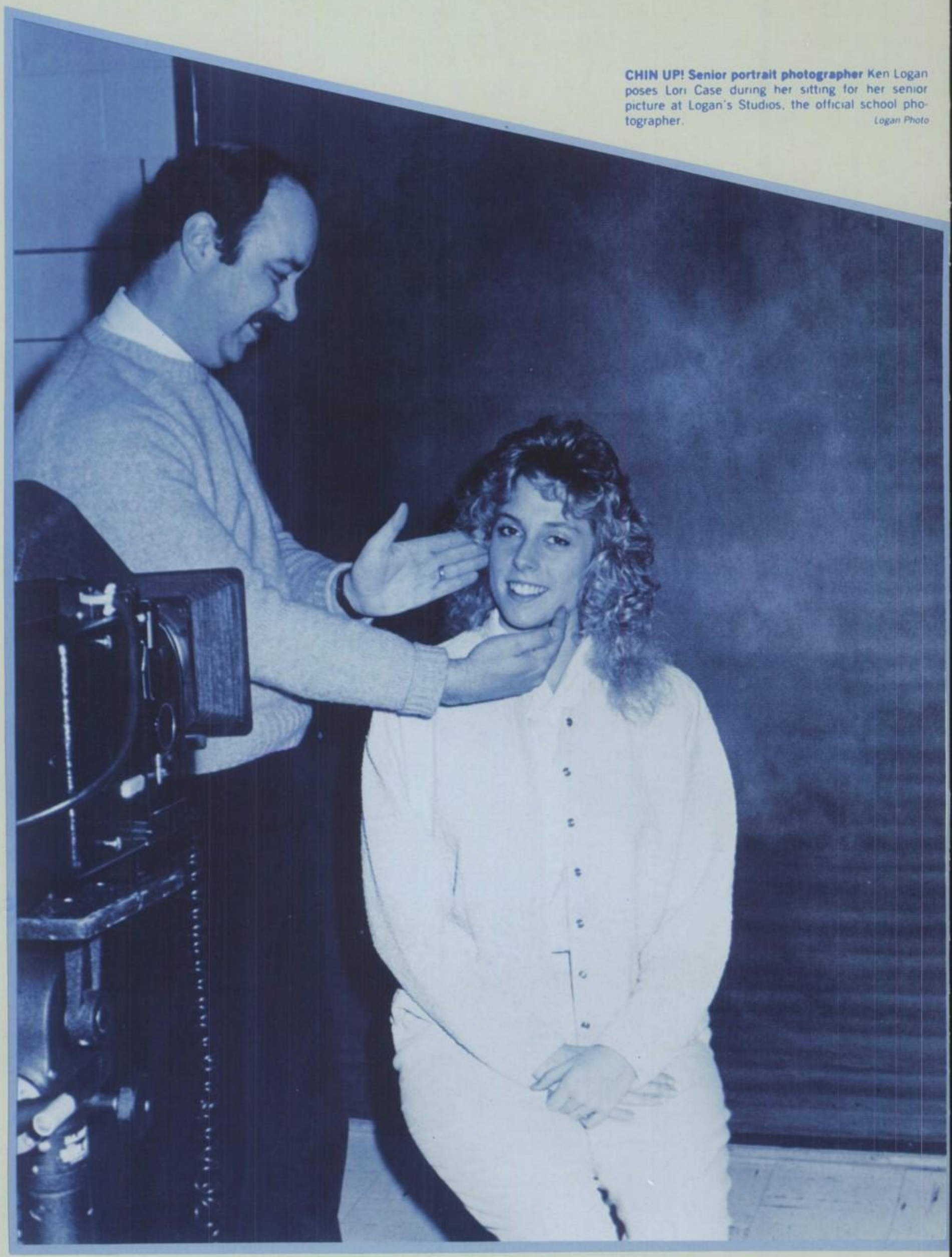
Of his 28 years in education, Fred Von Gruenigen said, "I have seen a lot of changes." Von Gruenigen liked the people most of all and enjoyed working with all of the students and fellow faculty members.

After retirement Von Gruenigen planned to devote time to his hobbies — painting, cooking, fishing, hunting, backpacking and reading.

Patrica Turner remembered that in her 13 years as secretary, there existed only three or four days when she did not want to come to work. She enjoyed meeting people and serving as the visitor's first impression of Fairmont.

Frank Spolrich generated a lot of work and Turner looked forward to the free time. Turner planned on playing more golf, working with her womens' group and spending more time at her Lake Erie cottage. Turner's fellow staff members gave her a surprise retirement party February on 24.

REVIEWING THE SITUATION! With perserverence and loving care, Janet Evans keeps tabs on her west unit Firebirds. She spent 23 years in the Kettering system. *Murdock Photo*



CHIN UP! Senior portrait photographer Ken Logan poses Lori Case during her sitting for her senior picture at Logan's Studios, the official school photographer. *Logan Photo*

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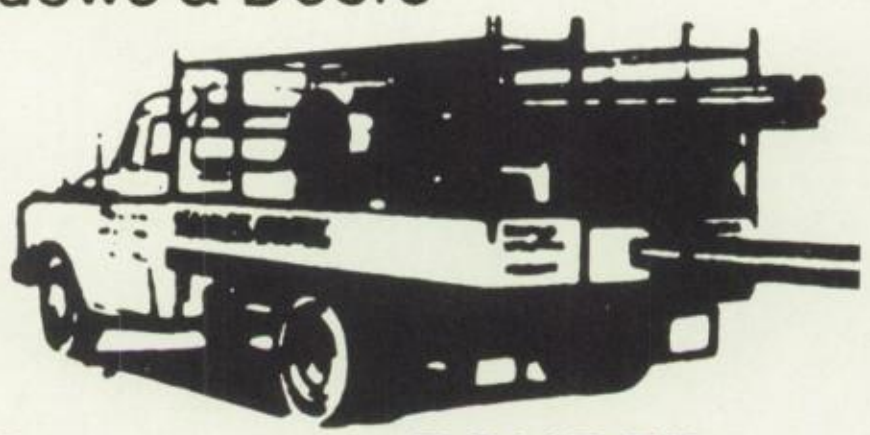

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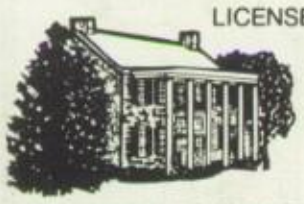

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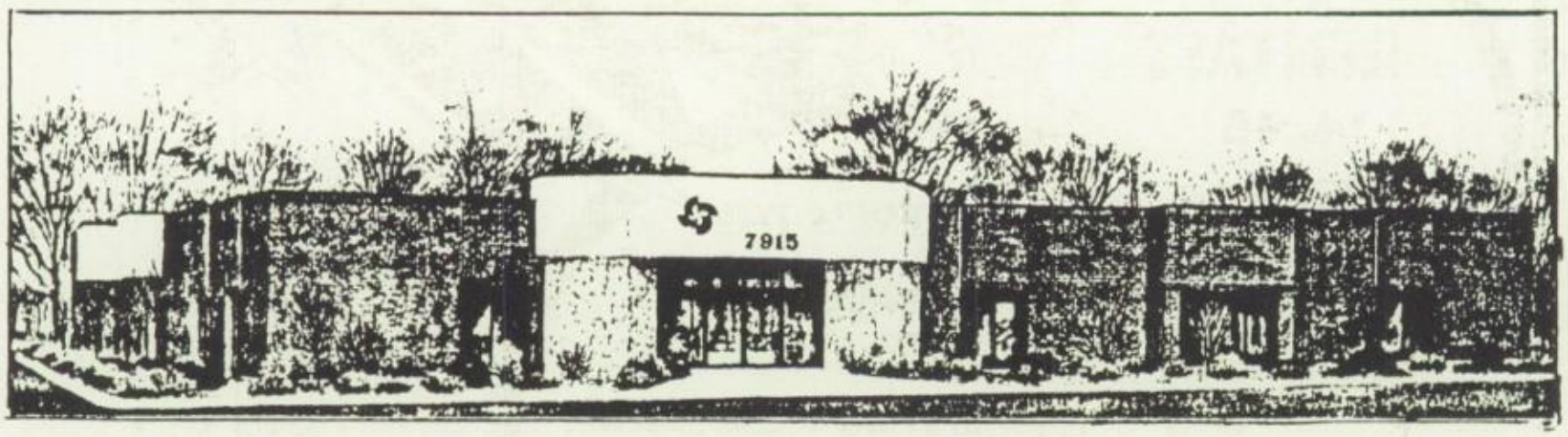

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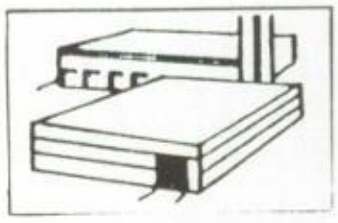

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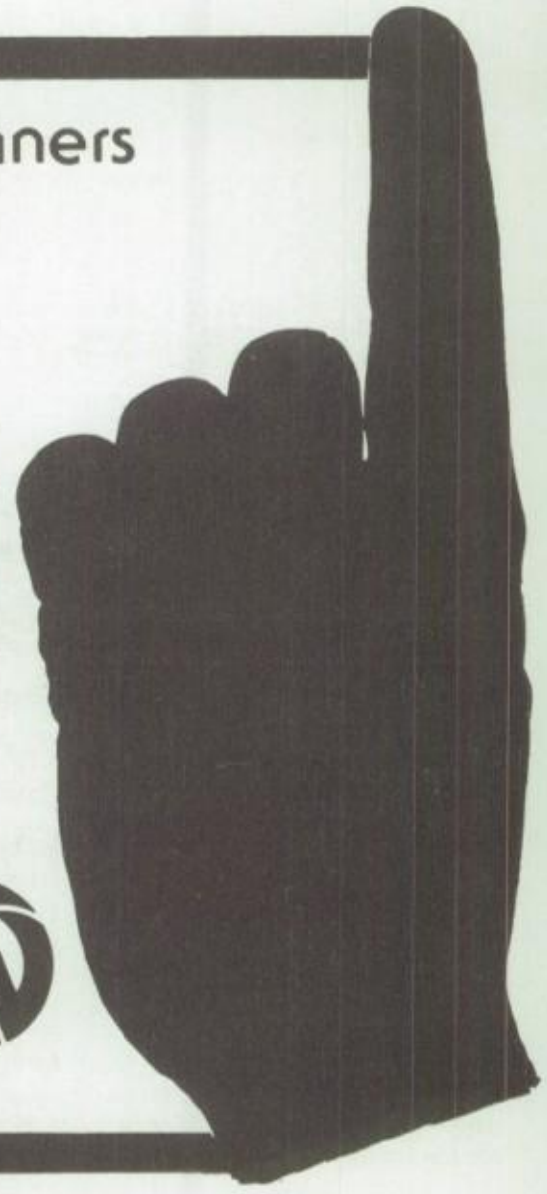

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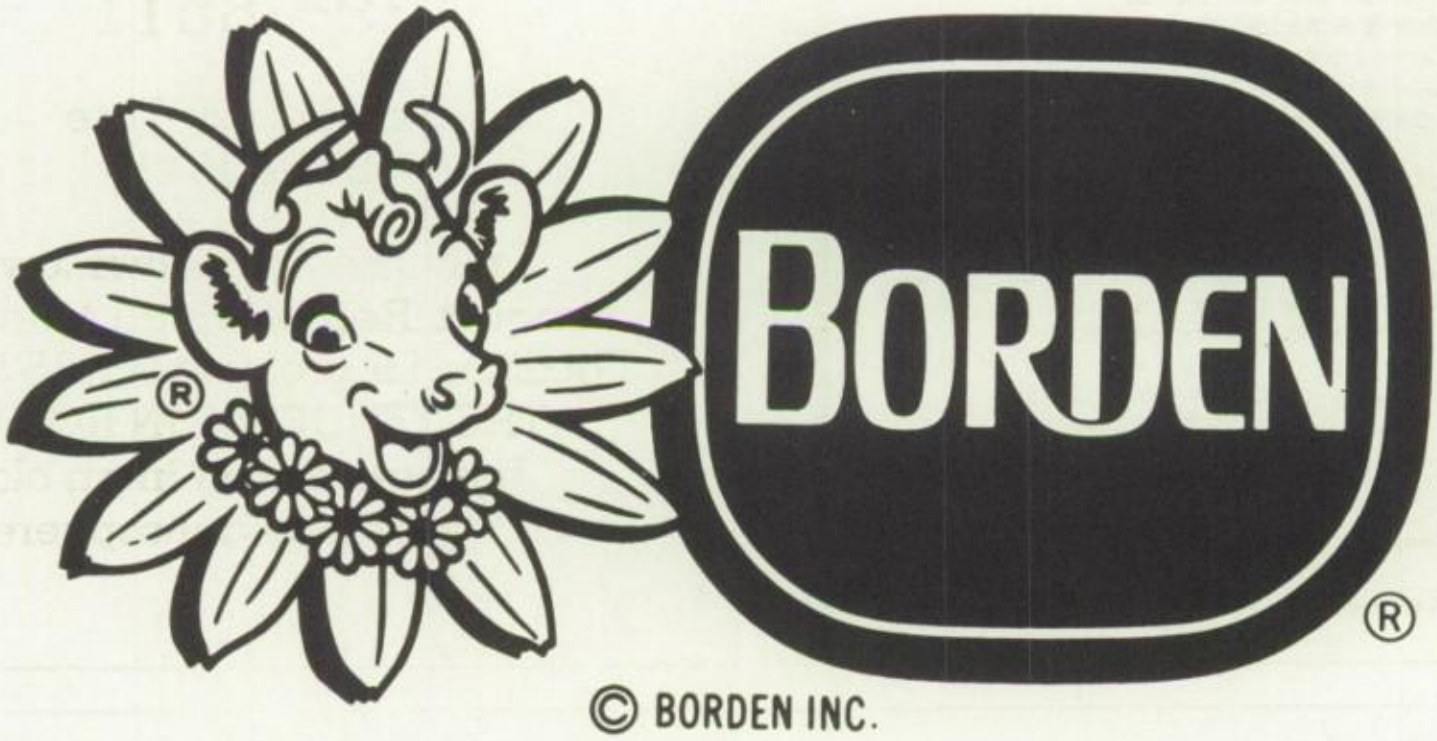

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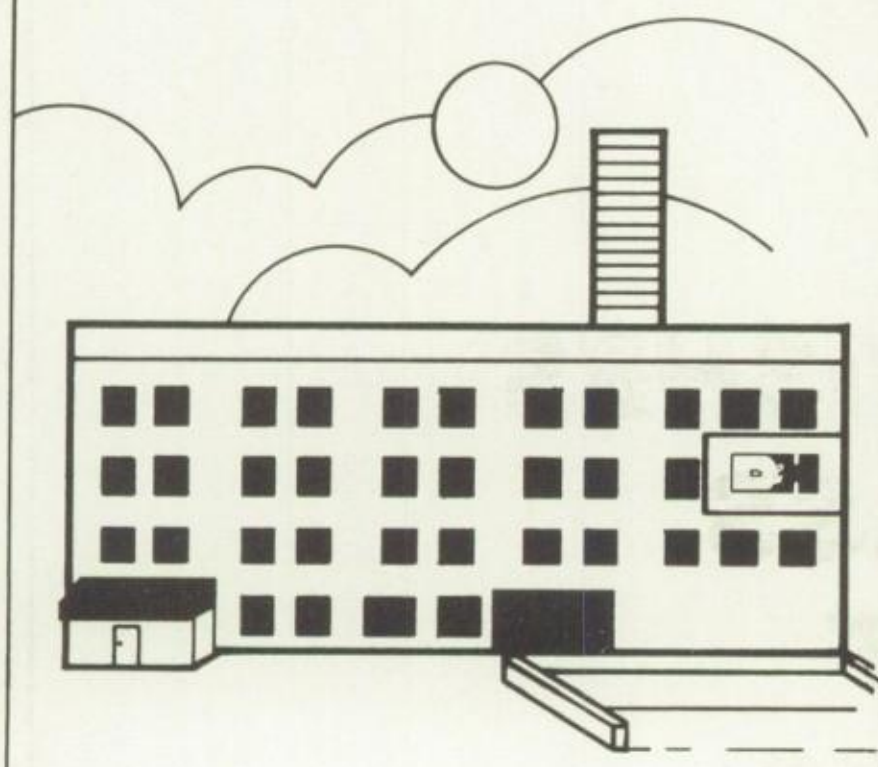

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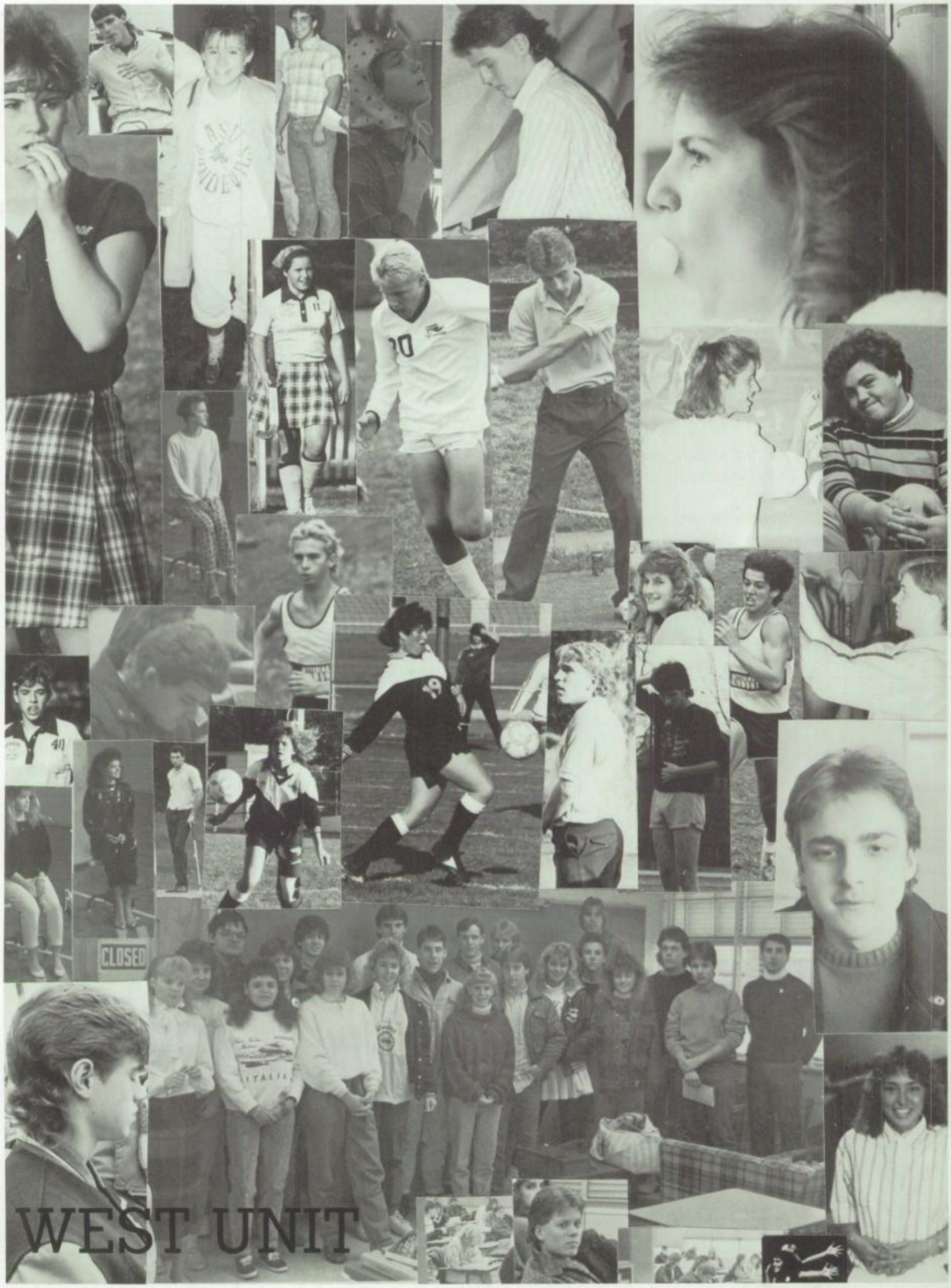
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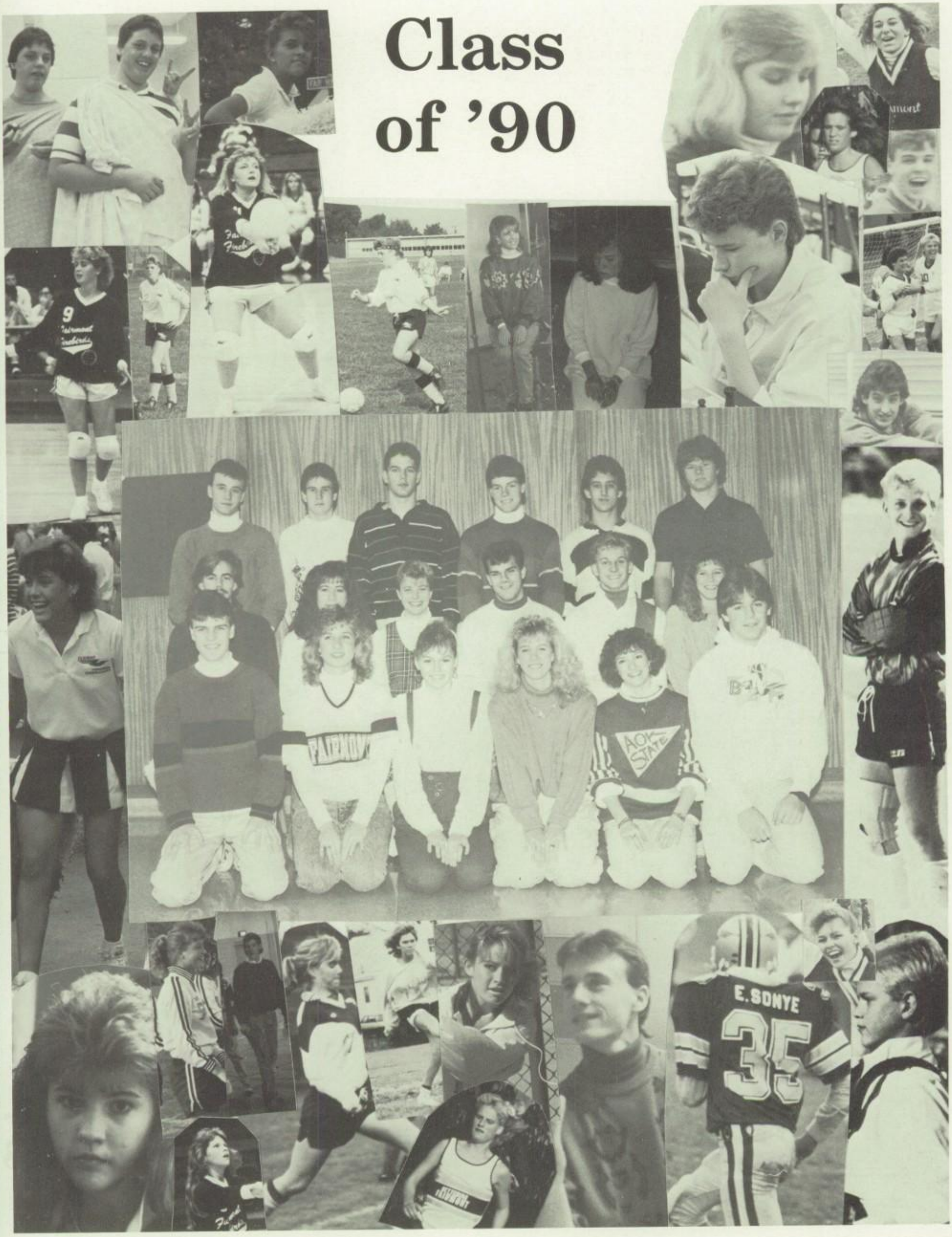

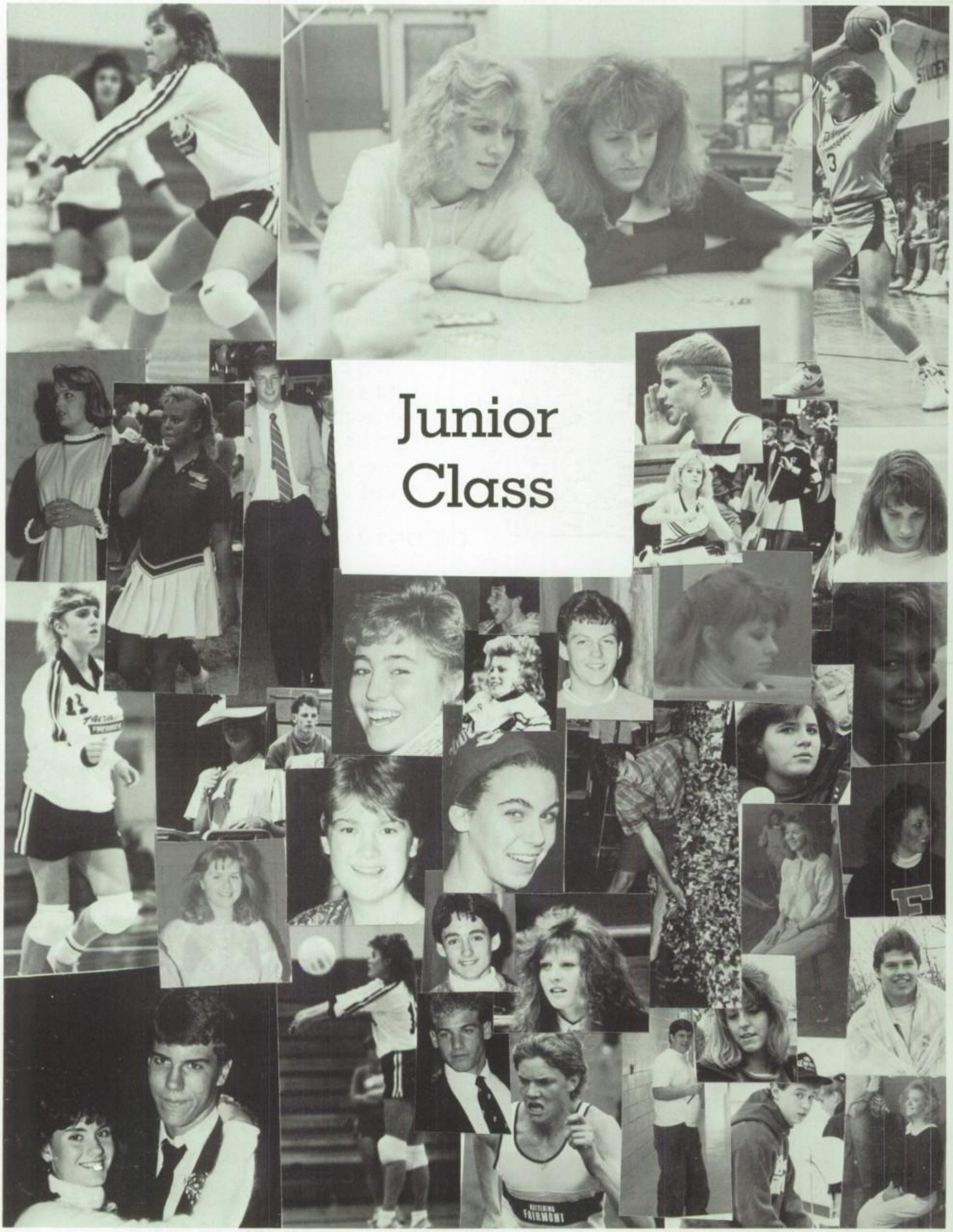

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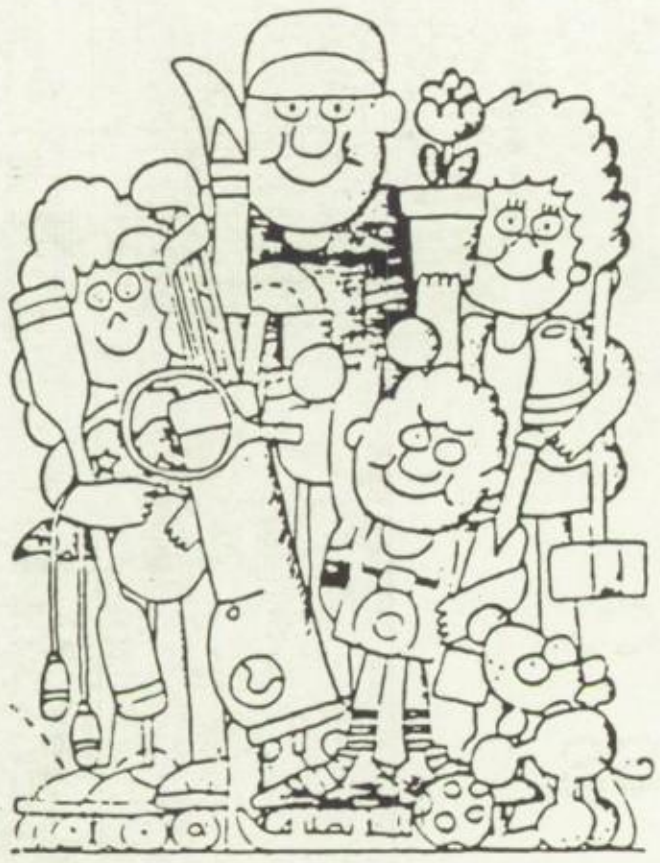

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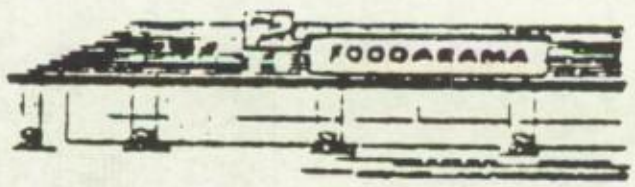

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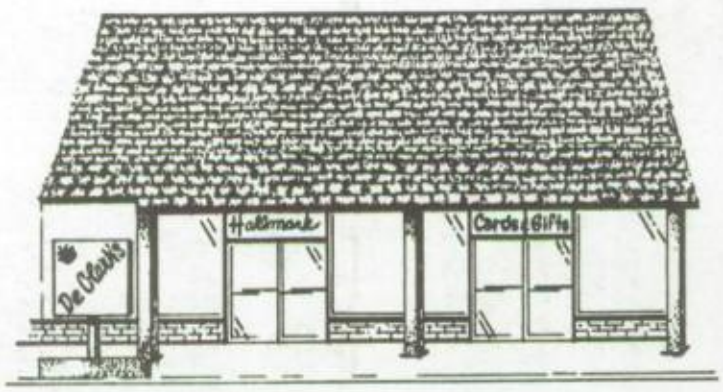

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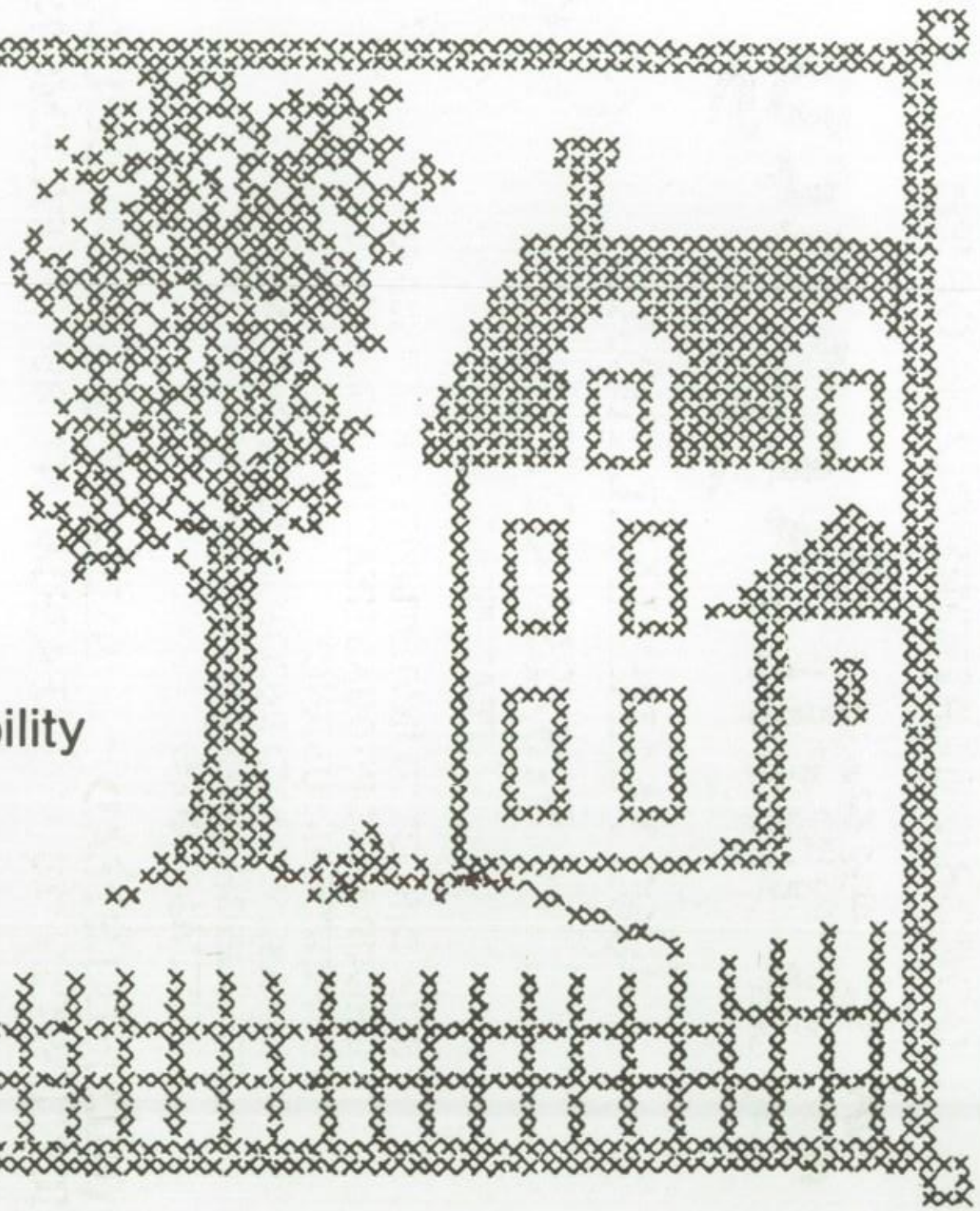

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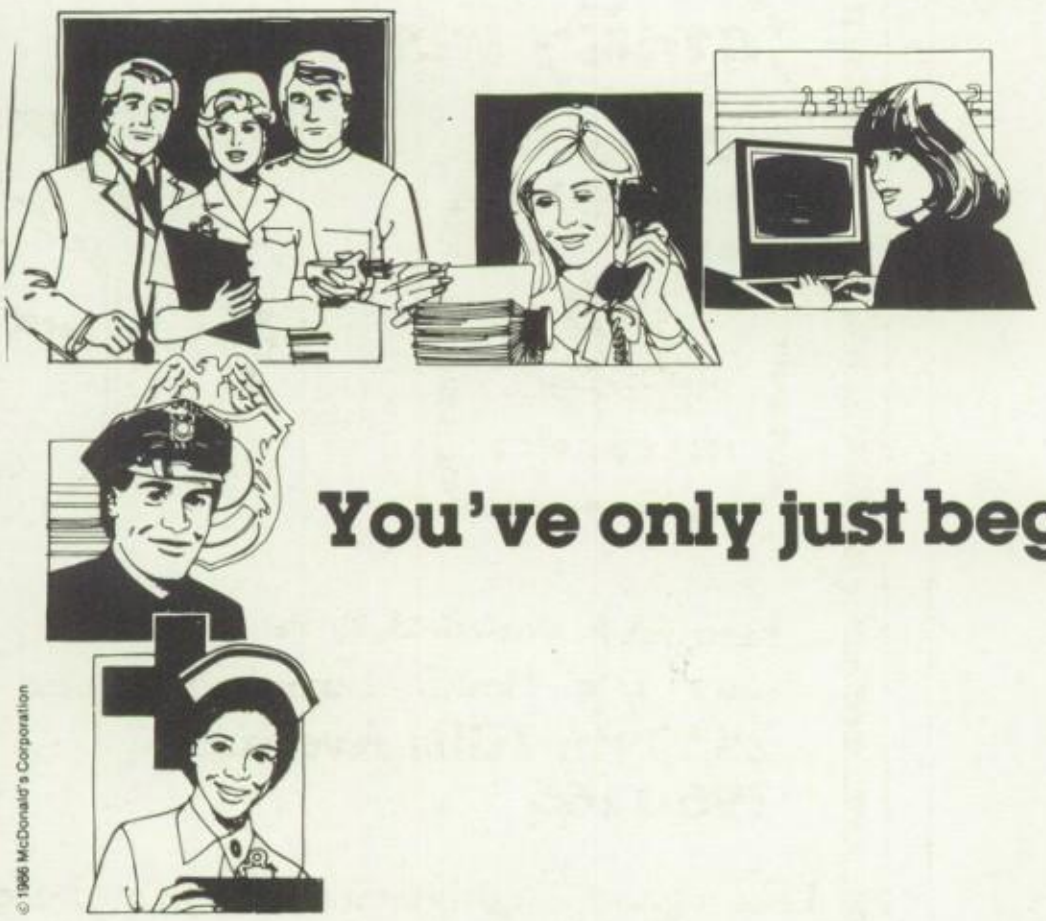

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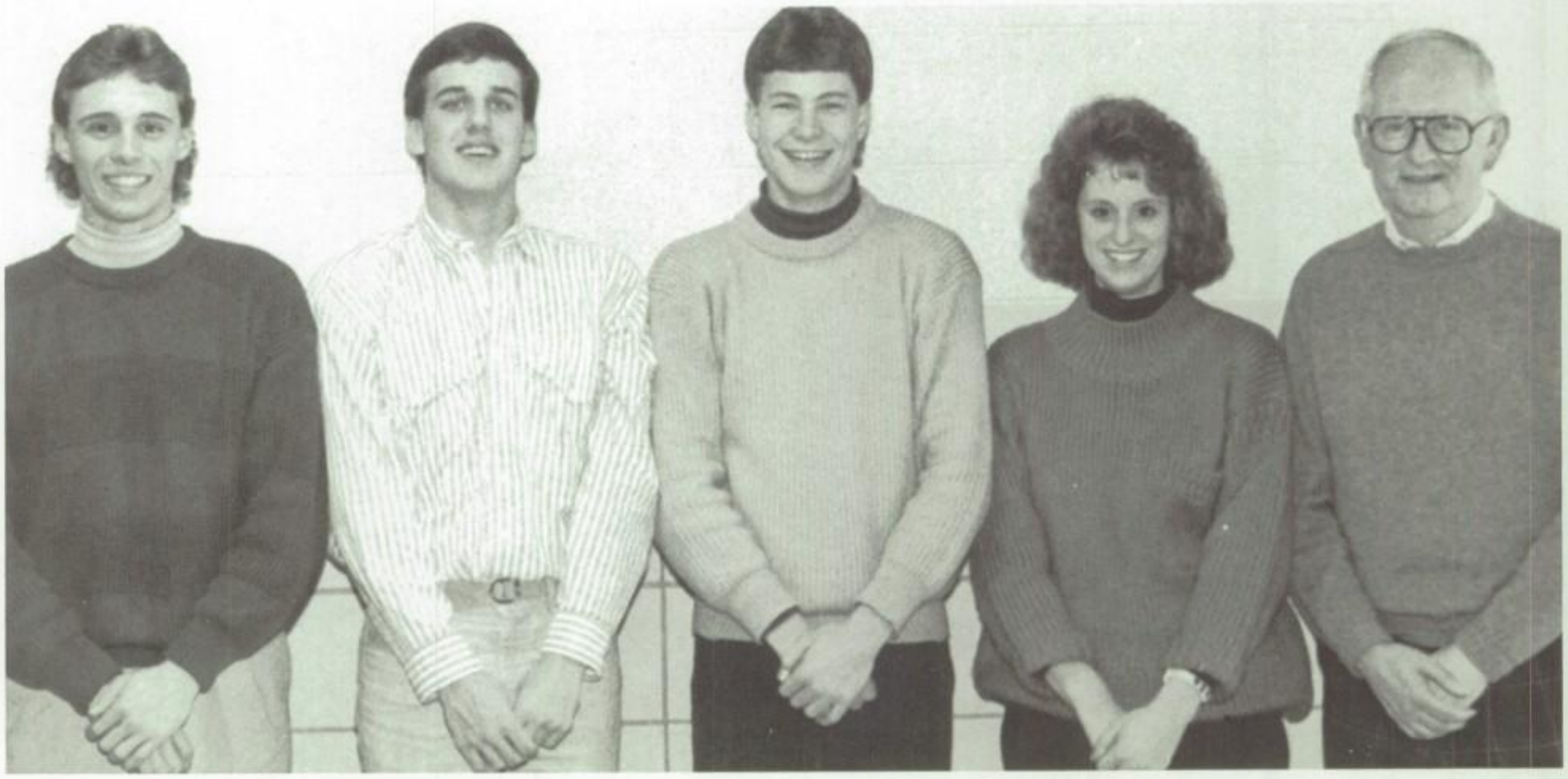

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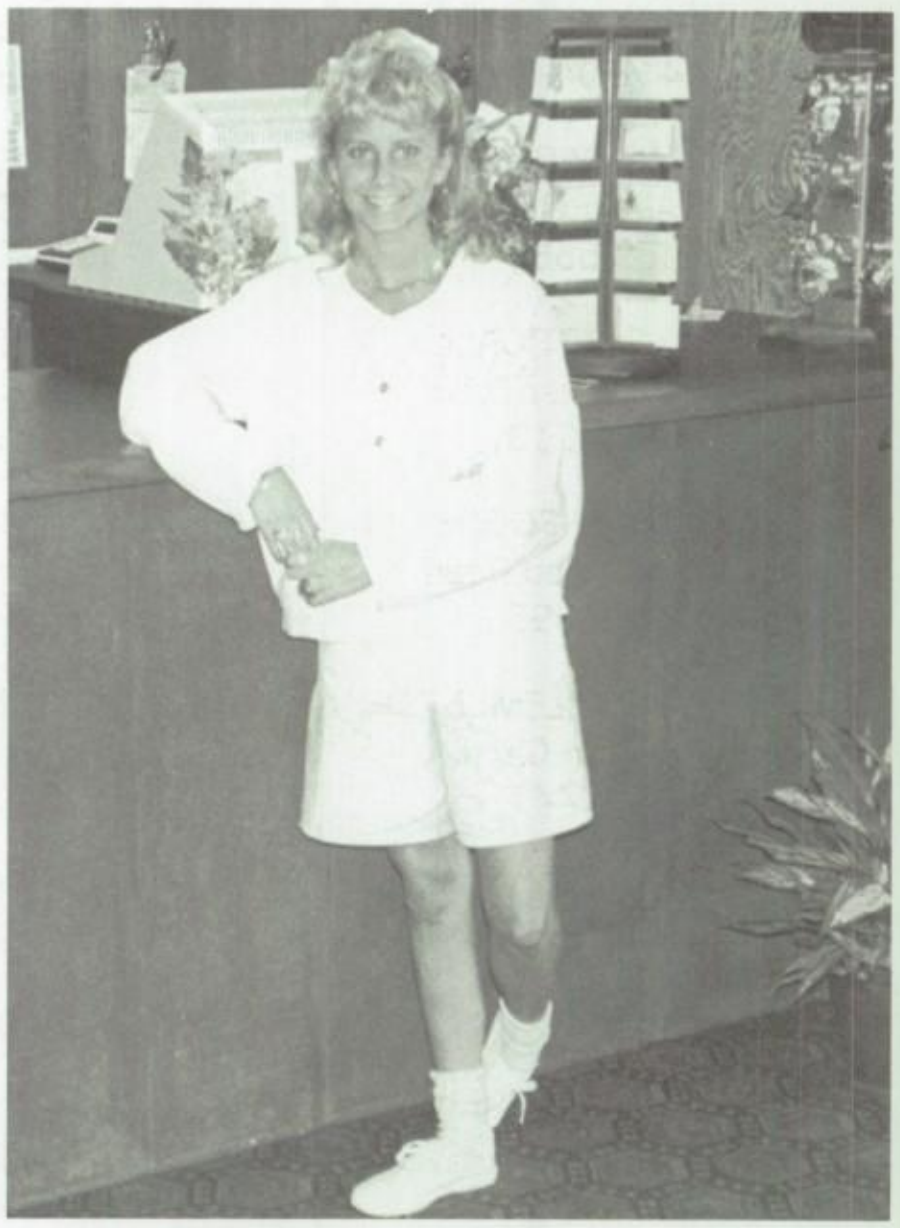

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"KNIGHT TO REMEMBER" Daughter — Father team, Chris and Walter Schenck, get ready to pose in front of a castle backdrop for their dance pictures. *Logan Photo.*

Richard Hecker

To Richard Thomas Hecker

When we sort through all the memories and experiences our family has had the last years, we recognize that the bond that links your family is not only one of blood but also of joy and respect in each other's lives. We also recognize that being number 5 wasn't always easy but you have succeeded in having experiences that rarely resembles anyone else's-like the tennis racquet, trip to England, summer camping trips. But memories also tell us you have made a difference in our lives — like having our own paper boy who allowed each of us to substitute for him, our own family percussionist with his hours of practice and his organized music "The Move", a person with the unique talent for testing everyone's hearing with the stereo, and the only person the family lawn mower really liked. Remember shared bedrooms and late talks, flashlight tag and soccer games. No longer are you "Little Ricky". You have matured and we admire you Rick for being the talented, persistent, and hardworking person that you are. We love you Rick and say thanks for being you. We apologize for being allergic to fish. We salute you on this successful completion and graduation from high school. Peace and God Bless.

Your family,
Steve, Julie, Amy, Nancy and Mom

P.S. Why do we get toilet papered so often in your behalf?

Donny Roepken

Donny,

We are very proud of you and enjoyed watching you grow and following you in all your sports.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Mike Merrick

Dear Mike,

To our son whom we're very proud of. You fill our lives with joy and touch our hearts with love. May God walk with you along the path of life you will choose and our love will always be with you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Brian Hyland

Brian,

Go get um Captain America!

Love, Mom, Dad, Dan, & Vicki

Amy & Katie,

What good times and memories we have all shared! You have both made a difference in our lives. We love you very much.

Love,
Mother, Dad, & Beth

Amy & Katie Coleman

Larry Van schagen

Dear Larry,

Good luck with everything you decide to do in the future. We are behind you one hundred percent.

Lots of love,
Dad, Mom, Lindalee, & Sash

Skip Snow

Dear Skip,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you, as always. We wish you and your classmates the very best of everything in life.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Dave, & Coach

Craig Richey

Dear Criag,

You are a fine young man and have brought Love, Peace, and Joy into our life.

Mom & Dad

Brett Brensfield

Love the beautiful
Seek out the true
Look for the good
And the best do

Love,
Mom & Dad

Debi Slakter

Dear Debi,

You can dream the impossible dream!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, & Julie

Kim Hari

Congratulations and good luck on your Graduation. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Greg Garberson

Congratulations Greg!

I am very proud of you. May Happiness and Success be yours in the future.

Love,
Mom

Mark Klaaren

It's been a challenge and a delight.
Thanks for being you.
Love from Mom & Dad

Michelle Sabadash

Dear Michelle,
You are a very special person with many gifts and talents. We know that someday you will use these talents to make the world a better place in which to live. We are proud of you and the accomplishments that you have achieved throughout your school years. Thank you, Michelle, for being you.

Love-Mom & Dad

Ann Marshall

ANNIE,

You're special!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Shelly Lindeman

Congratulations
The world awaits you
All our Love
Mom, Dad, Janinne, Kristi, & Bobby

You have brought tremendous joy and love into our lives. We are so proud of your academic achievements, and know that your future will be blessed with success. Wishing you only the very best . . .
Mom, Dad, Bill, Todd, John

Jill Wanke

Tracy Lenthe

Dear Tracy,

We only want the best for you because you are the best! May the future bring you many successes and much happiness. Congratulations!

Love you,
Mom & Bob

Lisa Scheper

Lisa,

You are one of the bright lights of our lives. Looking back at all the memories, the smiles, the laughter, and even the tears, the broghtness of that light has always shined. We are sure that glow within you will help light your journey into a future of happiness and success.

Love, Mom & Dad

Dan Foreman

Dear Dan,

I am very proud of all that you have achieved through the years, especially high school. Good luck to you as you go off to college. I will miss you.

Love you,
Mom

Shelly Leo

To Shelly,

With our love for a bright and happy future. Good luck at OSU.

Mom & Dad

Bob Kastler

Dear Bob,

We are so proud of the person you have become. Thank you for all the joy and love you have given us through the years. May you find happiness and success in all that you do. And may God Bless you and keep you safe always.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Melanie Clutter

Dear Muffy,

Where did all the years go? It seems like only yesterday that you were taking your first little step. Not very steady, but certainly confident. You were so proud of yourself. The look of excitement in your eyes was incredible. The years have been full of little steps, each one a little more difficult. You have mastered them all with poise and grace.

The next step isn't quite as small, but we know that you possess the talent and the desire to achieve success and to overcome all obstacles. You have brought us such joy, love, and happiness. How fortunate we are to be able to share your life. How proud we are of you and what you have done. We love you!

All our love
Mom & Dad

Kathy Keogh

Dear Kathy,
You have overcome many physical obstacles, which proves:

"If your mind can conceive it;
and your heart can believe it;
your body can achieve it."

You've come a long way, baby! We are proud of you! Congratulations and the best of luck in the future.

Love, Mom, Dad, Angie, & C.B.

Sheri Cole

Congratulations Sheri! We are very proud of you. Always remember you are free to be what you want to be.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kris, & Carrie

Molly Youngkin

Love is a place
And through this place of
Love move
(with brightness of peace)
all places.
Yes is a world
And in this world of Yes
Live,
(skillfully curled)
All worlds.

e.e. cummings

Randy Yoder

Dear Randy,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you and all the accomplishments you have achieved throughout your high school years. Good luck to you as you go off to college. We will miss you. We wish you success and happiness in the future.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Katie Morgan

Congratulations Katie — We take great pride in you and your scholastic accomplishments and wish you the same success at the University of Cincinnati.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, & Steve

Anne-Marie Ackerman

Dear Anne-Marie,

You have always been special! Your laughter, love, and thoughtfulness has brought such joy to your family. We wish you happiness in everything you do. God bless you always.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Greg, Joyce, Jenny, Dennis, Eric, & Shirley

Susan Anderson

Susan,

We want you to know how proud we are to have you as a daughter. You're very special in many ways. You have always had a special place in our hearts. Watching you and Debbie grow up together, both into fine young ladies, has been our life. Good luck at OSU this fall. (Be kind to your sister). Happy Trails to you!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Jon Barlow

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for making the dream come true. We love you dearly.

Mom & Peter

Tim Doyle

Dear Tim,

What a precious, delightful baby you were and what a handsome, wonderful young man you have become. Congratulations on being the WOL Cross Country Champ and good luck in all that awaits you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Amy

Joannie Valassiades

Congratulations, we are so proud of you! May you always have joy in your life and success in the goals you have set for yourself.

Love Always,
Mom & Dad

Maggy Williams

Maggy,
During the change in seasons,
Came a change in my life.
For better, for worse,
I'm still unsure.
In the breeze of the spring,
You walked into my life.
Without me knowing,
You stole my heart.
With my heart in hand,
You gained my respect.
For now I'm influenced,
By the feeling of love.
For my love for you,
There is no substitute.

Love,
Craig

Jay Murdock

I have always been so proud of you, Jay, but never more than this year. You have so much to look forward to — enjoy every minute of life!

I love you!
Mom

Kelly Crank

Dear Kelly,

Congratulations Kelly,
GO FOR IT!

Love,
Mom

John Kleinfeldt

Dear John,

Congratulations. We are so proud of you-Our love, prayers, and best wishes will always be with you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Rik

Tina Lindquist

Good Luck Tina!

Mom & Dad

Matt Chamberlain

Matt,

We love you and we're proud of you. We wish happiness and success.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Pete

Charlie Petzold

Brian Foreman

Brian,

I'm proud of you and what you've accomplished. I wish you the best of luck in the future.

Love,
Mom

We are very proud of you. May God guide your lives and give you strength on your walk into the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jennifer

Fritz & Kelli Menke

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Only excuse

No doubt about it — Spring had arrived. Using Spring Break as an excuse to go south, sun worshippers spread their beach towels in the Carolinas, while others took one more ski run in the Colorado mountains.

Back at home, club activities heated up when WKET challenged the faculty to an old-fashioned game of softball, with teachers winning 24-18 over "The Rockin' Best."

No one could mistake the beat coming from Hara Arena — site of the Prom. While the Prom promoted fun times, parents and students alike worried about the fatality of drinking and driving. Saferides left no excuse for misunderstanding by providing "Contract for Life", an assurance to both generations of a safe ride home from any social event.

USB did their share too — by trying out a new dance. Couples made "reservations" at their favorite fast food restaurant and danced under toilet paper streamers at the first annual Morp. No one could pass up that opportunity without thinking of EVERY EXCUSE IN THE BOOK.

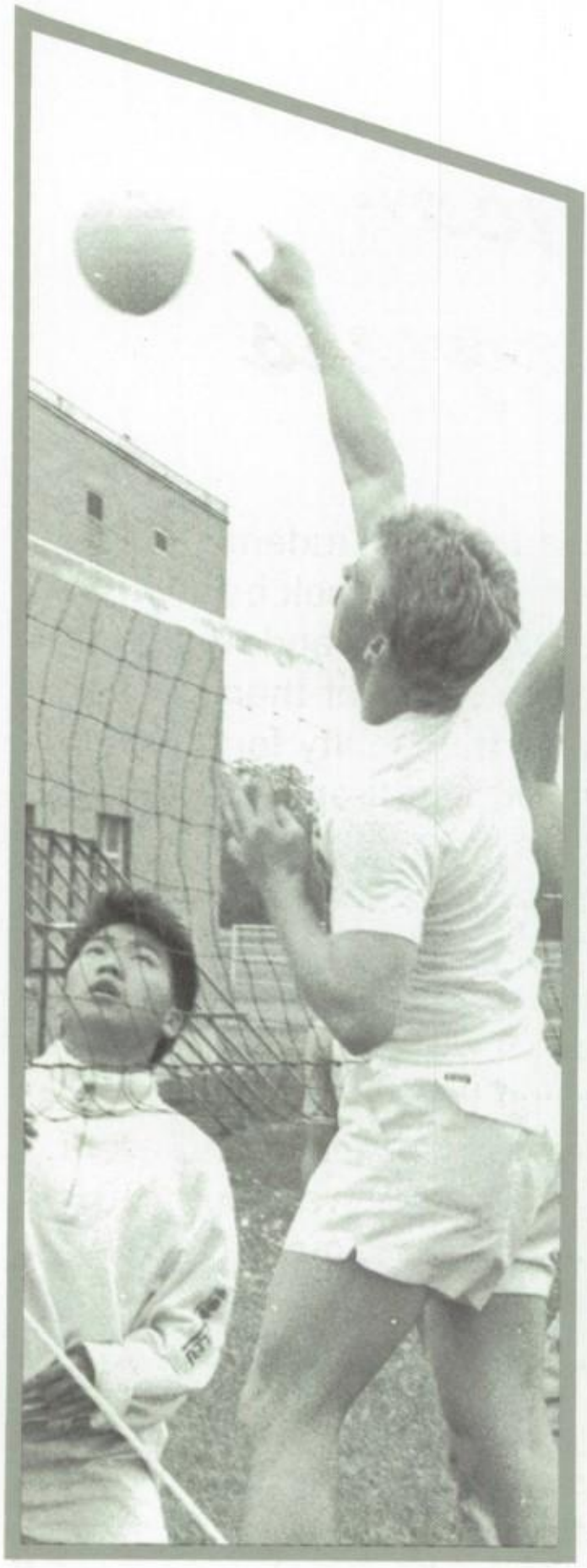
HEY GUYS, LOOK WHAT WE WON! Monica Lonigro watches her cheering Muse Machine friends, while Holly Martin holds on tightly to the trophy, won at A-muse-zing in the Park. *Youngkin Photo*

BELOW SEA LEVEL! Wearing a safety hat and goggles, Frank Spolrich takes a plunge at the After-Prom's dunking machine. On the other end of the target, Jenny Berg smiled as Spolrich fell. *Murdock Photo*

EARLY RISER Holly Norton munches on doughnuts, juice, and coffee at Student Leadership Appreciation Day. Honored participants received a blue pen for their efforts. *Murdock Photo*

QUICK START! Rob Jones gives it a go against Centerville hurdler Micah Beachler, with one of the fastest times in the area, at the WOL track and field meet. *Logan Photo*

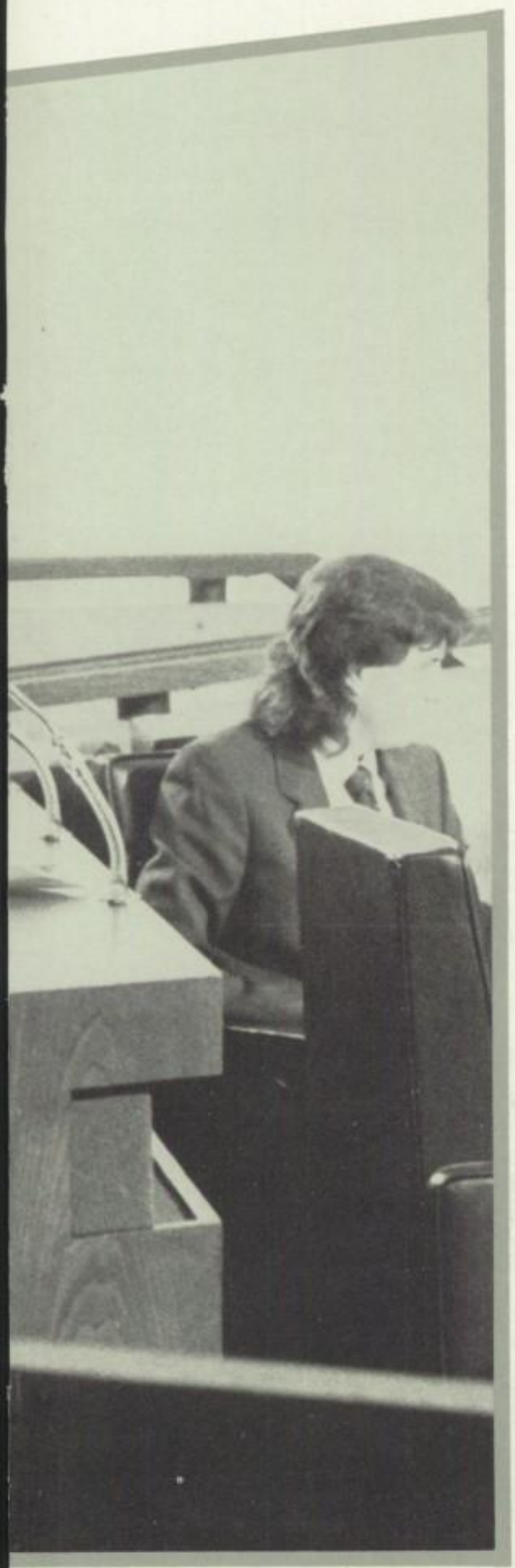
BUY ME PEANUTS AND CRACKERJACKS ... WKET director Todd Morrow takes a swing as Jim Larson, Jim Davis, Roger Bauser, and Holly Norton wait for their turn to play. *Murdock Photo*



SPIKE! Intramural volleyball players Chad Price slams the ball down, while opponent Young Chong awaits the results. This year's tournament proved much fun for all involved. *Murdock Photo*

IT'S OUR TOWN! Taking control of the city for a day students Chris Wones, Missy Lincoln, Brian Cummings, Jay Kennard, and Tom Chapman try and decide on whether to pass "Euchre Day" as an offical holiday. *Murdock Photo*

COME ON LIGHT! While waiting for fellow National Honor Society inductor Amy Cimprich to light her candle Rodney Cole waits for his chance. *Murdock Photo*

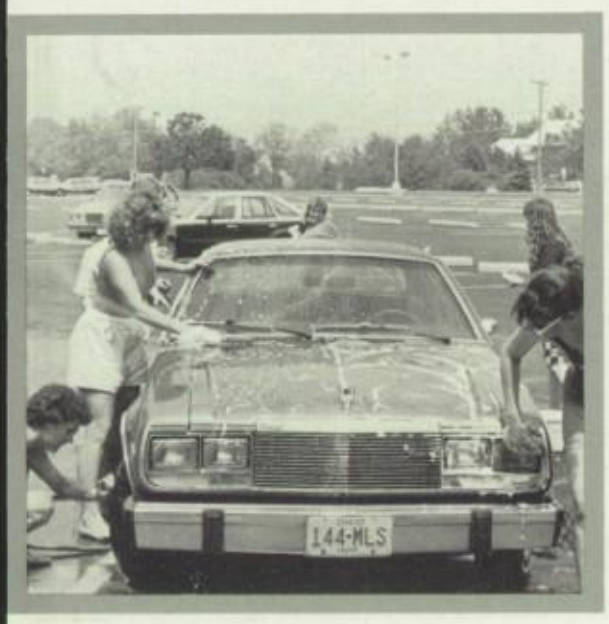


calls for year of fun, progress

As the year began to wind down, students and faculty members had the chance to look back on all the accomplishments they had made and had EVERY EXCUSE IN THE BOOK to be proud of themselves.

USB members recognized the faculty for all their hard work they had put in with staff appreciation day. Faculty members received a small gift from the student body as a way of saying thanks. Along with that students also had the chance to work on a week-long ''No Smoking'' campaign by wearing t-shirts and hanging up posters throughout the school.

As another way of showing their concern, students had the chance to participate in a meaningful event, Fairmont's annual blood drive. With well over 250 students donating their blood, the campaign proved successful for all involved.



SCRUB HARD! Pitching in together to get the job done, JCL members Kelli Brown, Chris Hatch, and Jeannette Groves work hard on their customer's car. *Murdock Photo*

DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN? Given the chance to get politically involved, teacher Linda Bergman and student Rob Reider receive ballots from Greg Holston to vote their preference. *Murdock Photo*

Editors excuse themselves

After 207 ads, pages of copy and rolls of film, sixth period finally made it! I thought it might not happen all those times we had to flop a picture at the last minute or change the headline count for the umpteenth time.

Yet we still found time for a bit of fun-Julie filling us in on the latest gossip, Dan's advice service, and Chris's un-birthday cake with plenty of roses-thanks a million to all of you.

None of those times came without the help of many. Thank you to Holly for checking layouts and proofs of not only Student Life, but other sections as well, and to Jon and A.J. for their help as photographers. Please not another picture so you can use up film.

To Mrs. Logan, thank you for not only offering support throughout the year, but also helping remember where I had last placed the keys, layout, or computer disk. Without the help of Anne-Marie I could have never survived Ball State workshop or deadline days.

Special thanks to Ray Potter, Mike Schultheis, and the graphic arts students for their help with artwork for the ad section. The whole staff would like to thank the Hirtzingers, our Taylor representatives, and Ken Logan and the staff of Logan photographers. Also the cartooning in the Album section came from the work of Steve Reustchle and Frank Williams. And finally our applause to Frank Spolrich for his support on everything from the picture sale to our end-of-the-year banquet.

Looking back over the year I honestly thought my fifth period class would never make it. For a while many of you didn't realize it was actually yearbook class until you heard your name being screamed from Mrs. Logan's office on deadline day. I must say, Mrs. Logan did put up with a lot-all those euchre games, playing win, lose, or draw, using the phone, walking the halls, leaving class early, sitting on the tables, and all the gossip. It's hard to keep a class of close friends from talking, I'll admit that.

I would like to give special thanks to Mrs. Logan and Molly for all the support you gave me, especially during my surgery. I know I made it tough for you, but I knew you could easily do it without me. To Molly-congratulation on an excellent job with the baby ads, it looks great. Also thanks for being there on those late nights at Ball State I never would have made it without you.

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To the entire staff-thanks for all the grea memories you have given me. I know I made i hard for you sometimes, but I only wanted to get things done. The good times will be hard to forget, especially the time Tina tried to butte up Mrs. Logan with a "We love you" cake which didn't work, or trying to make her con fused between Amy and Katie when one o them would come in late. I hope you will re member all the memories (there are just so many) and all the hard work you put into this year's yearbook.

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